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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Greetings from the Board of the Echo Hill Campership Fund. 2005 has been a great year and we are honored to use this space, and the newsletter as a whole, to report where we've been, where we hope to go, and how we intend to get there. 2005 was a year of planning and hosting big events while also focusing on new sources of funding and new processes by which to raise it. Your response has been outstanding. The EHCf is proud to report that you have donated \$48,437.65 since the last newsletter.

The year began as each always does: Many of you read our newsletter and remember the great times you experienced at Echo Hill. Happy that we're trying to share the spirit and community with others who can't afford it, you visit our website or take out your check book, and you send us a donation. We love this time of the year. Each check, each note, each photo, a gratifying affirmation of the mission and results we accomplish, together.

Your generosity propelled us through the planning for this year's reunion. Then, in early June, more than a hundred former Echo Hillers and their families converged on our old camp for 36 hours of reminiscing, reliving, and reflecting on old tales of time well spent. The occasion moved at a measured, mellowed pace, reflecting the "maturing" of the crew in attendance.

At dinner, EHCf took the opportunity to thank two particularly significant donors who, in different ways, have created models critical to our success. Carol Levin and John Schick have been very generous, themselves. They have also contacted others, who in turn have provided significant impact on our efforts. For that, and to them, we are very grateful. We also announced a new fund-raising effort — a matching challenge —

SHELTER FROM THE STORM

Whew! What a year. So much has happened in the United States and around the world that it seems as though, just as you're getting your mind around a particularly calamitous event or happening, up pops the next crisis. How should we react? Do we focus chronologically or in order of importance? And who decides the level of importance? Do we continue to think about the previous problem? Pivot, and focus on the next? Is it possible to do both, knowing another one is right around the corner?

Throw a dart at a dartboard of the world and you'll too likely hit a natural or manmade disaster. Which is worse and/or most likely: inflation or deflation? Are we in a Goldilocks economy that is too hot, too cold, or just right? It depends on what paper you read or TV station you watch. Dictators, the threat of avian flu, global warming, population explosion, and on, and on.

While we juggle these global issues, many others are asking different questions, one's they deem far more relevant: Can we pay our heating bills this winter? Can I afford to drive? Am I safe?

Often, in times of difficulty or confusion, human nature seeks a safe harbor, an anchor; something to hold onto that is known to be real, valuable, and unchanging — something that remains as good as we remember it, twenty, thirty, fifty years later. It sets the soul at ease to know that some things, particularly places we've experienced and hold dear, don't change.

For you with these and similar thoughts, we offer the Echo Hill Campership Fund.

EHCf does just one thing: We raise money to send poor children to camp. We send them to one place — Echo Hill. And, having held a camp reunion this past June, everyone present can assure those who were not: Echo Hill has not changed.

Sure, the weeping willows have grown taller, a few new buildings have popped up, the names of the counselors are different, and Honey's food has only gotten better. But the spirit and the beauty, the camaraderie and community, the freedom and independence — to be who you are or who you want to be — remain as they were. Echo Hill Camp is a strong, warm, safe environment where a child can take chances, discover strengths, accept weaknesses, and confidently move forward through the turbulence of adolescence. And we choose to

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THE TEAM: 500 MEMBERS FOR 2005

This year, we send our thanks to several Team: 500 Members. A Team: 500 is a group of donors who pool their resources to achieve a total donation of \$500 or more. Usually, a Team: 500 is brought together by an individual who alone could not make such a generous donation. But, with a little effort and some willing friends, family & employers, a Team: 500 can make an impressive mark. Teams marked with an asterisk (*) also remind us of the greatness of matching gifts. So, many special thanks to:

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scheduled to expire at the end of 2005. Every dollar raised between June and the *continued on page 2*

end of this year will be matched, in effect, doubling every donation to EHCf. So, if we can raise \$20,000, EHCf will receive \$40,000. As you can imagine, we're pretty pumped!

After the bonfire, the cool night air provided restful sleep that was only occasionally interrupted by the sharp, piercing voice of a man with an interesting nickname. Yes, "the boob" was heard singing "Who Let the Dogs Out", in rounds, while swimming in the bay from 3:15 to 4:00 am. Somehow, it provided a satisfying throw-back to the old days of breaking camp rules without concern for serious accountability.

Camp started soon after the reunion, and because of your generosity, EHCf was able to send 15 children to Echo Hill for two or four week sessions, for a combined total of 44 weeks of fun, independence, growth, and more.

Autumn brought a crab feast at Mike Grossman's house on the bay, the second annual event to thank our consistent donors for their support. Beautiful weather, great food, and Troy's pants were

among the special treats for the evening.

Recently, in a further strengthening of our Board, Christine Lusk joined us and has put her marketing skills to work on our behalf. Christine was a camper (way) back in 1984, and continued, uninterrupted, through five years as a counselor until departing in 1998. With 15 years of Echo Hill experience, she's forgotten more than many of us ever knew.

Looking forward, as we go to press, EHCf is finalizing a new brochure to act as a conversation starter in seeking financial support from a variety of corporations, institutions and firms. To this end, we hope you will keep EHCf in mind where you may have relationships valuable to our efforts. As you know, no approach we can make to an organization will be stronger than the personal referral you can provide. Be it matching gifts at work, friends in high places, or vendors and colleagues who have solicited your support for their favorite charity — please tell them about us.

We will continue to work hard to earn the distinction of being described as your favorite charity.

Thank you, for all of your support,

EHCF REUNION JUNE 2005

And it just keeps getting better...

The reunion proved to be the best yet. We had over 100 alumni and their kids as well as current campers attending from across the country, some flying in and braving the tents, lack of electricity and privies for the full weekend.

We began the weekend with a little tie-dying and a beach walk (and yes, blue beach glass was found and a coke was duly rewarded for the find). After a lot of reminiscing, we all gathered for a wonderful dinner cooked by none other than Honey and her crew. As we sat eating, it was really amazing to see how years just seemed to melt away and everyone seemed to have picked up

right where they left off at camp years before. The stories were a bit different, but the friendships still remained.

And what would a perfect camp evening be without a beautiful sunset on the bluff with a bonfire lit as the sun hit the horizon. *Rocky Raccoon*, *Damage Done*, *Circle Game*, and many more favorites were sung by the fire-side.

As the sun came up, many bleary eyed campers awoke with a nice layer of dew on them – we all remember that don't we – after very few hours of sleep trying to cram as much of the last year – or ten or twenty years as was the case for some, in the short time we had together.

To cap off the weekend, many headed to that clearing in the woods called "Dell". It was no different than that of any other Dell. Slap on a lot of bug spray and it was just as special as it always was – a quiet time to collect thoughts and share those with our dearest friends. One of those thoughts shared by all, it seemed, was the need to have the reunions more often.

Due to popular demand, the Echo Hill Campership Fund Board plans to have the next reunion in 2008 and hope that you all can come.

Have you heard...?

What a year it's been for Echo Hill's campers and alumni. While free-swims and beach hikes keep the rumor mill churning around Camp, many of us alumni have simply fallen out of touch.

What with the Campership Reunion's late night antics (Boob, how does that song go again? Mike can I have a quarter for a soda?), Adam Lucas' short lived romance with Paris Hilton, and Cissy Fenwick's appearance on *The Apprentice – Martha Stewart*, there were just too many things going on in 2005 to keep track of...

But never to fear, the EHCF Gossip Queen is here!!

Have you heard...?

The Campership Fund's very own **Mike Grossman** made his 4th of July party extra patriotic and romantic when he proposed to Liliya Khizder on a sunset cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. Friends and family in attendance included **Marc, Emily, Greg, and Megan Porter, The Rice's, Peter Boyd, Jordan Chasnoff, Hugh Beshers**, and many more. This was certainly big news, but some have said that Mike's a little behind the curve... These people must be referring to Megan Porter who was engaged in the spring. The wedding bells were also ringing this year for **Christine Lusk** who

knocked the knot in the spring.

In other nuptial news, **Jen Stephenson** was married to **Jeff Matthews** on November 5, 2005. **Jay Sinrod** and **Lucy Fox**, who first dated at Camp, were married. **Matt Lowy** was recently engaged to **Kim Dudik**. Matt is also a recent law school graduate and passed the Montana bar exam.

In the event that your legal problems do not stray too far from Kent County, you may want to give **Bo Boozer Esq.** a call as he has recently passed the Maryland bar exam and is currently practicing law in Towson MD. Bo also asked that we mention he offers half price medical malpractice consultation on Tuesday! Tuesday!! Tuesday!!!

Watch out CA Girls of 2020! **Hazen and Stacy Arnold** had a baby boy, their first child, in April. His name? Hazen Arnold V of course. But we call him Quinn. **Meryl (Viess) Berdinka** and her husband Jesse are expecting their first child in November 2005. They are living in Pipersville, PA and will have no trouble when the bouncing baby starts teething... They just bought an ice cream store! **Derek and Sara Bupp's** baby girl Emily and **Philip and Dara Graham's** baby girl Arla have become fast friends and are already looking forward to their first summer together at Echo Hill. Perhaps a few of Echo Hill's next generation



will have the chance to learn from another legacy camper. **Andy Hylton** also just had his first baby. The doctors said they had never before seen a child born with a yellow card in its hand. Andy is living with his wife in Charlotte North Carolina.

Eliza Derek, or Ms. Derek, is a Kindergarten Teacher in Greensboro North Carolina. **Jacqueline (Viess) Sornstein** and her husband Fred recently purchased and

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SECOND ANNUAL EHCF CRAB FEAST A SUCCESS!



Over 100 EHCF donors, friends, and family enjoyed a crisp autumn day at **Mike Grossman's** home on the Bay for the second annual EHCF Crab Feast. The crowd enjoyed five bushels of large, heavy steamed Maryland blue crabs and locally-prepared Eastern Shore favorites. Accents of Eastern Europe were also present, as the crowd feasted on fresh grilled Georgian lamb with Georgian wine and Ukranian vodka.

Echo Hill alumni was very well represented, as **Peter, Katie, Julie, and Petey Rice, Annieleke, Fran Spino/Sweeney** and her young son **AJ, Jack Loewenstein, Alan and Mary MacLeod, Nick Kirsch, Sam Cogen, Caitlin Coslett, Aaron Zetzer, Hanna Raverbee, Glenna MacGregor, Bob and Suzi Creamer, Julie and Seth Hassett, Peter and Michael Boyd, Nicole Alfandre, Nicole and Keiffer Mitchell, Charles Bracewell, Emily Porter, Christine Lusk, Amy Mehlman, Liam Gilbert, Vicki Hurdle Chew** and **Sharron Littig**, were some of the many attendees.

Since so many of us are now parents, it was no sur-

prise that many children attended as well. The children stuffed themselves too, while taking breaks to play with **Vicki Hurdle Chew's** adorable yellow lab puppy and taking boat rides on a 32 foot Intrepid.

The crowd was treated to a great surprise when special guest **Troy Minsky** arrived. He was hard to miss in pink, yellow, and blue plaid pants and a fucia polo shirt. Just as he did so many years ago at Echo Hill, he kept the crowd entertained with his quick wit and outrageous sense of humor.

This year there was also a raffle with a wide variety of wonderful prizes ranging from professional artwork to athletic tickets and a one night stay in a luxury hotel in Philadelphia. The Echo Hill Campership Fund would like to thank all of the individuals who graciously donated items to the raffle and the attendees who participated.

In true Echo Hill fashion, the younger contingent kept the party alive well into the next morning and scattered themselves in and out of the house for a few hours of sleep before graciously helping clean up the next morning over a breakfast of coffee and hot dogs.

All in all, the event was a huge success. All that attended had a great time reminiscing with old friends, enjoying beautiful Chesapeake Bay views, and eating and drinking the night away. We hope that you can find time to make it to Kent Island for next year's crab feast!

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Make no mistake. At EHCf, we're not solving world hunger, fighting crime, or facilitating peace among neighbors, nations, and tribes. EHCf can't. And though, like you, we'd like to see positive change in all these areas, we focus on goals we can accomplish.

While we know that there are earthquakes, and tsunamis, and hurricanes affecting large portions of the world, we know that similar types of events are happening as well, on a smaller scale, in young people's homes and apartments, that are just as life changing and far more relevant to their world-in-crisis than Kandahar, Katrina, and Kashmir.

So we focus here, in our community: A little girl whose mother is in-and-out of jail; a boy who lost his brother to gang violence; a family whose living room looks and smells like a shooting gallery.

These are the places we work and the people we work for.

We can't bring peace to the Middle East, but we can bring peace to a little girl's heart, even if just for 14 or 28 days. We can't feed the hungry of

Central America, but we can offer three warm meals a day, for two or four weeks, to a boy who has never had a clear vision on anything beyond tomorrow. We can't promise siblings in Haiti what next year will hold, but we can and do promise siblings right here that next year a couple of beds in an old tent by the bay at Echo Hill will be held, just for them.

As former campers, we think of Echo Hill as: Contentment, beauty and friendship. A place to pause peacefully and happily in the midst of a changing world. A place of cherished memories.

To the children we sponsor, Echo Hill is not only: A summer place. Echo Hill provides inspiration, hope, and an antidote to the difficulties they experience, all year long.

So, please, take the challenge. If you can't change *the* world, change *a* world. If you can't feed a *country*, feed a *child*. If you can't promise peace to a *region*, promise it to a *family*. Make a donation to EHCf. Together we'll change the world, one child at a time.

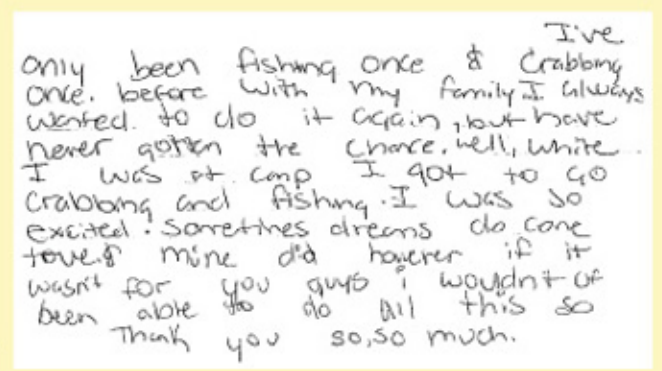
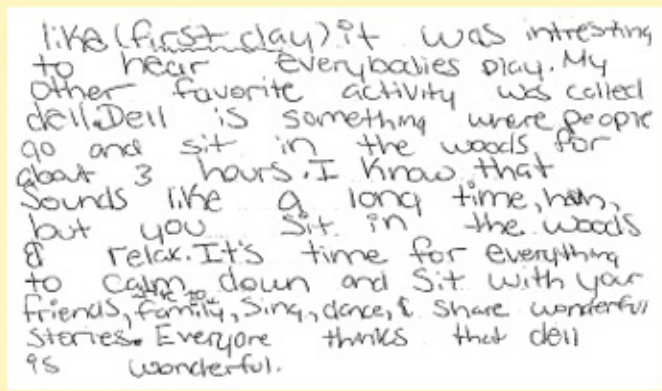


EHCf ANNOUNCES A \$20,000 MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

The Echo Hill Campership Fund is very excited to announce its first ever matching gift campaign. A few of our largest donors have joined together and pledged to support the Campership Fund. Together they have agreed to match every dollar contributed between the reunion which was held in early June of 2005 and the end of 2005, up to \$20,000. Now it is up to the rest of us to donate to help the EHCf meet this ambitious goal!

To date the Campership Fund has raised \$17,755 against the matching gift pledge. That means that we have \$2,245 left to raise before the end of the year. The EHCf Board recognizes that a lot of our constituents have made significant donations to the many different hurricane relief funds, but would like to ask you to consider supporting the Campership Fund again too. If you have contributed in the past but have not given yet this year please consider donating before the end of the year. If you know of any friends, family members, or corporations who might be interested in supporting the Campership Fund please encourage them to contribute. This year your contributions will go twice as far as they have in the past.

As the Campership Fund grows and sponsors more kids it places challenges on the Board to raise more money. That is why we are so excited about the generous matching gift commitment. The Echo Hill Campership Fund has a very loyal and generous alumni base. With your help the Board is confident that we will be able to meet our fundraising goals for the year. Thank you again for your continued support. We could not send children to Echo Hill every year without your help.



The Kids...

The Campership Fund has another Successful Summer

The summer of 2005 set two more records for the Echo Hill Campership Fund. The EHFC sponsored fifteen kids for a total of forty four weeks. Both the number of kids and the weeks spent at camp were new records and the feedback from Echo Hill on the children's experience was overwhelmingly positive. All of the children who attended camp this summer had an excellent time and fit in exceptionally well.

One new camper wrote "When my mom came to pick me up, I was so sad because I wanted to stay longer. I cried all the way home... I hope and pray that I will be able to go to Echo Hill again next year and every year. I would love to stay longer than two weeks." Her feelings were echoed by both new and old EHCF campership recipients and we thought that our loyal supporters should know how thankful campers are to have the opportunity to attend Echo Hill.

The Campership Fund will continue its commitment to send campers back year after year until they "age out." We are also making an effort to send children to camp for longer periods of time. The board believes that Echo Hill can have a much greater impact on children if they can stay for an entire half instead of just two weeks. This year the Campership Fund was able to sponsor every returning camper that asked to go for a half. Seven of the fifteen children the EHCF sent to Echo Hill attended camp for four weeks.

The Echo Hill Campership Fund and the children who attend Echo Hill each summer owe all of our supporters a huge thank you. Without your generous support, fifteen deserving children would not have the friendships and memories they developed this summer.

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renovated a house originally built in 1876 in Lambertville NJ.

T.W. is in Philadelphia studying to be a nurse. Speaking of Philly, **Ben Korsen, Sally Garfield and Gabe Davis** ran a half marathon together this summer.

Zach Noble, the Mountain Man, is in western North Carolina working as a metal sculptor and will soon open his own studio.

After two years in Vietnam working for the State Department, **Marc and Emily Porter** spent a summer back in the States (Washington DC). Marc and Emily have now taken residence at their new post with the State Department, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Pass the Doro Wat!

While there's been plenty of action around the world, Kent County has seen its fair share of activity this year. **Fran (Spino)** and her husband Jason recently moved back from Utah and purchased a home in Rock Hall. The dynamic duo of **Katie and Julie Rice** is back together again! Katie is working at the Outdoor School with **Dan Fuerst**. Julie is living in an apartment in Chestertown and working as a lacrosse coach at Washington College. YER DIPS! I mean YER Shorewomen!! The memory of Hurricane Isabel is fading a bit as the Rice's house is *almost* finished. It would have been finished a month ago, but Pete asked the contractors to take a few weeks off so he could ride his new elevator up and down, up and down. Too bad for **Petey**, he'll have to leave all the elevator fun at home when he moves to Vail where he will work for the winter with Alex Demoeoy.

In college news; **Hanna Raverby, Julie Rice, Caitlin Coslett, and Rob Bralow** all graduated in the spring of 2005.

Chris Atkinson graduated from Drexel and is living in 'The OC' in more ways than one. **Michael Boyd** graduated from the University of Virginia in the spring and has been pursuing post-graduate studies in Paris. **Maggie Littlewood** will follow in (a few of) Mike's footsteps as she transferred to UVA.

And last but definitely not least, **Troy Minsky** has opened a Lilly Pulitzer boutique specializing in men's fashions.

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