



NEWS FROM ECHO HILL CAMBERSHIP FUND

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD ...

Welcome, friends, to the 2012 Echo Hill Campership Fund (EHCF) Newsletter.

Inside these pages you'll get a look at the activity we generate to fulfill our mission: Raising money to underwrite the costs associated with sending underprivileged children to Echo Hill, who otherwise could never afford to go and would never benefit from the profound experience we know camp to be.

To that end, we've provided a campership update. The number of children selected and weeks provided continues to speak to the strength of your support. You help shape many lives, every year. In the end, it's all we do and the only reason we exist.

Not as important, but nevertheless a lot of fun, 2012 was a reunion year for EHCF. With the generous cooperation of the Rice Family and EHC, we held another reunion at camp in early June. "Almost too much fun!" seems to be the consensus, because when you're hula hooping, you can't help but smile :) If you haven't attended a reunion before, get it together and come back to the Chesapeake Bay. Pencil it in, three years from now.

Camp experienced more weather phenomena. (Don't know what this rag would do without weird weather at camp to share.) This time it was a Derecho (a massive wind, rain, lightning, and thunder event) and a hurricane. The Derecho started somewhere in the west and essentially bulldozed its way east, sparing no one and nothing, including the road to camp. EHC's electricity was restored relatively quickly, despite the devastation. We, in the DC region, who suffer under PEPCO had to wait much longer. Was it 8 days? 10? They seem to run together when its 100 degrees outside and about 85 or 90 degrees, inside. [NB: Moist walls are bad.] But that pales in comparison to our friends in the Northeast who are still without power in freezing cold conditions. Luckily for EHC, Hurricane Sandy did much less damage - maybe because the weaker trees came down during El Derecho!

As for the organization itself, there has been movement in the seats around the table at
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EL DERECHO

Those of you on the East Coast know that the area was hammered by a wave of violent storms known as El Derecho this summer. What you might not know is how severely Echo Hill Camp was affected. By all accounts it was one of the worst storms to ever hit while camp was in session.

For those of you who remember fleeing to the lodge, the dining hall or the office during a bad storm, camp has advanced since then. Now when severe weather threatens, campers are sent to the Outdoor School dorms in the woods near the old Dell. Thankfully, they were already sleeping there because of the unbearable heat, so the chaos of moving 150 kids from tents to dorms in the middle of the night was avoided.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to avoid the storm's damage. It hit a little after 11:00 pm, while many of the counselors were enjoying their time off. When they returned to check-in they found the camp road completely impassable. The number of downed trees was amazing. Members of the staff and the local community spent hours cutting debris away with chainsaws to clear a path. All power to Echo Hill and the surrounding areas was knocked out. Even so, the remaining counselors, CITs and CAs valiantly maintained a sense of normalcy until everyone returned.

The next morning wasn't much different. Although Delmarva Power prioritized Echo Hill, there was so much damage it took days for power to return. Campers were forced to stay near the dorms for over a day because of downed power lines. All the boats broke their moorings and a few Hobie Cats, Sunfish and Lazars ended up in the swamp. Needless to say, Echo Hill operated in a state of organized chaos for a while (which some might argue isn't much different from camp as usual ...).

Thankfully, Echo Hill was lucky compared to Tockwogh. None of the tents or permanent structures were severely damaged and the boats were easily repairable. Tockwogh, on the other hand, lost six cabins and a large portion of their waterfront.

Once power was restored, everything returned to normal. And now Echo Hill has a generator in the event of another power outage!



Melissa Page - Honey - Annie Gaillard

REUNION TIME!

Was Echo Hill Magic responsible for the perfect Reunion weather last June or was it Dolly Harris? At any rate, over fifty adults and thirty children showed up at camp Saturday morning to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. It was fun to watch parents show the place to their kids for the first time and listen to their stories of long ago adventures (those suited for little ears!). The afternoon was spent on the beach, doing crafts in the dining hall or swamp canoeing. Nine people paddled out for three hours and judging by their smiles, had a wonderful time.

Happy hour in the Dining Hall included an opportunity to peruse old year books and pictures from Peter's collection. (Comments overheard from kids: "Mommy, why are you covered in mud in this picture? ... Daddy, why are you wearing a dress? ... Why was your hair so long? ... When can I go to camp?") We were all looking forward to dinner and Honey's delicious fried chicken. It was obvious Honey was thrilled to see so many grown-up campers and staff members. **Dolly Harris** and her daughter **Heather**, who flew in from Florida for the occasion, joined us for the feast.

As the sky darkened and the full moon rose, the party moved to the blazing campfire on the bluff. The kids enjoyed glow sticks while Alex Sayada, former camper and counselor and son of EHCf board member Donna Sayada, played guitar and sang camp songs. Then it was off to bed in either the tents or the Outdoor School dorms. The next morning, after a delicious "Honey" breakfast, folks meandered down to Dell.

Another highlight of the weekend was that Jody Frank Evans, a former camper and counselor, shared her expertise as a hula-hoop champion and taught us the finer points of hula-hooping. We came away with new friends and a new skill! As always, parting was such sweet sorrow. The hugs and goodbyes were reminiscent of Echo Ring and the last day of camp. Everyone agreed we need to have another reunion soon. So, loyal readers and former campers and staff, let us know when we should have the next one. You can share your thoughts on Facebook or email us at campership@ehcf.org.

Several people expressed interest in participating on the Echo Hill Campership Fund Board. We would love to bring new blood and new ideas into the fold and are looking into ways to include folks who live far away. Please email us (see address above) if you are interested in joining the Board.

Thanks to everyone who came and to the many who contributed way more than the sticker price to help ensure our kids come back to camp! Reunion attendees and their families included:

Meryl Berdinka, Mikael Boyd, Sarah & Derek Bupp, Elena Burch, Nathalie Burch, Marisa & Braley Crandall, Melissa Page Crowe, Theolonius Dutton, Jody & Clayton Evans, Ann Gaillard, Dan Gardner, Claudia & Ruben Ghigliotty, Liam Gilbert, Philip Graham & Dara Sicherman, Julie & Seth Hassett, Jean Hultkrans, David Hultkrans, Kyle Jossi, Nick Kirsch, Jennifer & Jeff Mathews, David NeSmith, Greg Porter, Sean Rapelyea, Julie & Katie Rice, Robert Rosenberg, Donna & Alex & Rafi Sayada, Frederick & Jacqueline Sornstein, David Trybus.



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board meetings lately. We are always looking for new talent and skills. Please consider joining our merry band.

Sorry to report that we are losing one of our brightest members. Kiersten Henry logged a number of years at the table, bringing new ideas and energy to a crew that needed it. She played a big role in our electronic communications, helped run reunions, took responsibility for a lot of our campership checklist, and was always the most pleasant person at the table. (A low bar, no doubt.) It's hard to let go of all that. But we must. Kiersten is gainfully employed *AND* working towards her doctorate, while squeezing in time for all kinds of athletic challenges. Follow her on Twitter at your own peril – you just might get motivated to do a heptathlon.

Finally, as you close this newsletter, remember why we send this to you. Go to our website (www.EHCF.org) and donate to this mission. Please.

Campership Update ...

This summer the EHCF sent twenty-one kids to camp for fifty-eight weeks, a feat that requires over \$50,000. For those of you keeping track, that's a slight decrease from 2011 when we sent twenty-three kids for sixty-eight weeks. Still, we are happy to announce that we maintained our commitment - to send our campers back until they age out. Each of our 2011 kids who wanted to return received a Campership. Plus, we added three more.

Five EHCF campers just completed their sixth summer at Echo Hill Camp and thirteen others returned for at least a second time. Helping the Campership Fund support these children year after year is something you, our donors, should be truly proud of. The Echo Hill experience has had a meaningful impact on their lives. While many spend the school year concerned about transportation to school, or even their next meal, they know that for two or four weeks during the summer they will spend time with their friends, in the safe and structured environment of Echo Hill.

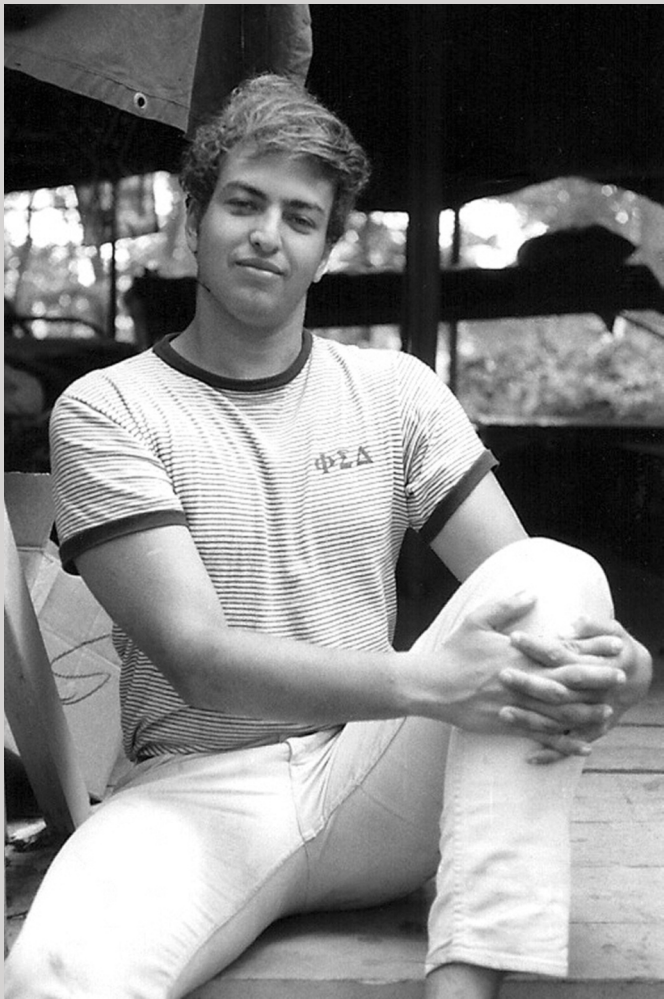
Please continue to support EHCF. Your donations are more important now than ever. After all, we don't want to disappoint the girl who wrote "Now I'm home again, I'm bored. I can hardly wait for next summer. I hope and pray I can go to Echo Hill again next year and every year. I would also love to stay longer than two weeks. Thank you for the experience of being a camper at Echo Hill."

THE GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING!

Special thanks to the following donors who signed up for recurring donations each month through our website ehcf.org. It doesn't matter if the monthly donation is \$10, \$25 or \$100. It's a commitment to EHCF, which we celebrate and appreciate.

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ECHO HILL MOURNS MICHAEL "TRASH" HERTZ

Echo Hill lost one of its true greats with the passing of Michael Hertz on May 4, 2012 from cancer. To the outside world he was a 36 year veteran of the Justice Department's Civil Division and Deputy Assistant Attorney General for its Commercial Litigation branch. To Echo Hill he was "Trash," an enduring friend to hundreds of people that spent time at Echo Hill in the 1960s and 1970s. He came to Echo Hill in 1962 as an eleven year old from New York City. Like many of us, he quickly fell in love with camp and never missed a summer. An avid athlete, he spent many afternoons playing softball at Echo Hill and became a great shortstop. He joined the staff after his CA summer and eventually served as Water Front Director until his second year of law school. He also was a huge supporter of sailing in the early days of the sailing vs. skiing debate and led Echo Hill in the annual pre-camp football game against Betterton locals, known as the Toilet Bowl.

His love for Echo Hill extended not only to camp. He was an integral force behind the founding of Echo Hill Outdoor School. In fact, while sitting in the back seat of a station wagon on a road trip with Peter and Libby Rice, he wrote the bylaws and charter of what would become one of the nation's leading centers for environmental education. Trash remained a very close friend and advisor to Echo Hill and served on the Echo Hill Outdoor School Board of Directors until his passing. He spent one of his final days with two of his closest friends, **Libby Rice** and **Rick Balaban**, playing golf. He is survived by his wife **Ronnie**, and children **Rachel** and **Jonathan**, both of whom also spent summers at Echo Hill. A dear friend, loyal supporter, and inspirational leader, Trash will be missed. He found peace and contentment on the Eastern Shore, enjoyed time with his family at their second home near Galena, and was laid to rest in Crumpton, Maryland.

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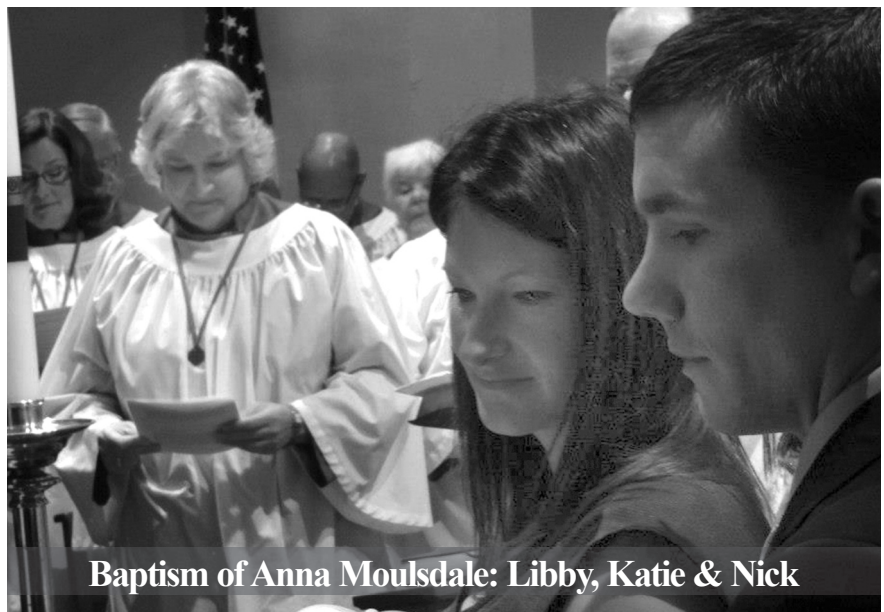
a few extraordinary donors who requested donations be sent to EHCF in lieu of gifts to celebrate a special occasion or mourn a loss:

Jake Mehlman in honor of his Bar Mitzvah
Christine Jackson and **Preston Hart** who married 6/9/12

Sandra, Michael & Owen McCabe in honor of Owen's 7th birthday

The Family of **Eileen Gorman Murphy**, who passed away in 2011

We THANK YOU for your extremely generous gestures!



Baptism of Anna Mouldsdale: Libby, Katie & Nick

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HAVE YOU HEARD ...?

(Read to end to find out about Rice kids makin babiez!)

Another year gone by and 9,999 campers disappointed they didn't make the cover of the yearbook...

Fear not campers, while you were busy at 9-5s and PTA meetings, EHCF has had its ear to the ground keeping tabs on all the hot and juicy gossip over the year. We heard about the party in Bethesda, we know about late night at the reunion, and we definitely were grossed out by the pictures from Telluride...

Speaking of wild nights, **Eliot Ballard** plays nightly in a Townes Van Zandt cover band in a St. Croix sushi restaurant. Making up for all those years without a license, he now owns three cars and lives with his dog on a solar powered boat. As of our print deadline, **Nika Williams** has yet to get a ride.

Sean Rapelyea and **Harris Fiensod**, on the other hand, received plenty of rides from Eliot while living in St. Croix. Sean was hired to wash Eliot's shirts and Harris to be a Jeanene Munsell impersonator. The fun only lasted until Harris and Sean were called back to Chicago to scout locations for an East Coast vs West Coast game of capture the flag. **Petey Rice**, called in as a consultant, asked the team to check in with **Megan Lewis**, **Hazen Arnold**, and **Jordan Chasnoff** who ran Tough Mudders this year and know a thing or two about grabbing flags.

Team West Coast captain will be **Laura Ferrise** based in San Diego who was recently engaged to Tim Stauffer. Also on the West Coast is **Eddie Lucas** in LA who is preparing to film the second season of "BelowZ DeckZ." **Cissy Fenwick** also works on the show.

Leading the East Coast team will be brothers **Noah Chasnoff** and **Oscar Klausner**. Noah moved from San Francisco to Washington DC where he works for the 28th Amendment, a political think tank supporting the gambling rights of all Americans. Oscar is in New York pursuing an acting degree at NYU's Tisch School. In his free time Oscar listens to Notorious BIG and attends as many Columbia University TED Conferences as possible.

Oscar joins an EHC NYC revival. Other campers calling NYC home include **Addie Coslett** and **Aleck Ross-Frye (dating!)**, **Amy Wright**, **Andrew Kessner**, **Ariel Hurwitz** (who got married this summer!), **Caroline Dickson**, **Courtney Snyder**, **Doug Hollin**, **Et Halstead** (never going back to London), **Illiza Bershada**, **Lola Dalrymple**, **Max Polsky**, **Meredith Dworkin**, **Morgan Creamer**, **Rob Bralow** and **Ruthie Baron**.

Then there are the Brooklyn residents... **Jamie Lynn Garfield Drew** is expecting. She told EHCF she doesn't care if it's a boy or a girl as long as it's a Harley Chick.

Also reppin' Brooklyn are long time EHC couple **Christine (Jackson)** and **Preston Hart** who were married this year in Maryland. Christine and Preston's wedding was officiated by **Dan Born Brenner** and attended by **Andrew Hastings-Black**, **Tyler Creamer**, **Georgie Creamer**, **Matt Tranter**, **Dan Blaemire**, **Chelsea Roukes**, **Gretchen LaBorwit**, **Adam Lucas**, **Mike Stroud**, **Walker Field**, **Hannah Richardson**, **Kelsey Trueblood**, **Zoe Abram**, **Maddy Beitz**, **Et Halstead**, **Dan Fuerst**, **Japhet Balaban**, **Eli Schewel**, **Kelsey Stanford**,

Andrew Kessner, Jak Loenstein and Nika Williams.

By all accounts and some lost accounts, Christine and Preston's wedding was a smash. BUT, the best part is... Christine and Preston became the first ever couple to register their wedding with the EHCF! Choosing to send kids to camp over William Sonoma chafing dishes was an amazing gesture and EHCF so appreciates the kind donations from all the wedding guests. To Christine and Preston, congratulations and thank you! (Tockwogh uses chafing dishes).

2012 was not a big year for weddings by volume but huge considering the VIPs tying the knot. **Lindsay Rice** married her college sweetheart John Norman (Go Dukes!) on Kent Island in June. Guests included proud parents **Terry and Debbie Rice**, and loving family: **Andy and Leah Rice, Jessica Rice, Pete and Libby Rice, Pauline Rice, Katie and Nick Mouldsdale and Julie and Brent Blyman**. Also in attendance were **Ronnie Edelman, Jon Hertz** and fiancé **Caitlin, Dan Kugler** and **Rich Creamer**.

First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes Pete and Libby's first grand child(ren!)...

But First! **Hugh Beshers** and wife Anne McDonough had a baby boy named James. We hear he got his father's jokes and his mother's looks... watch out girls side! Another looker from Philly is expected to arrive for her Jr. summer in 2021. **Maris (Morelli) Leo** and husband Chris had a baby girl named Lucy. Now that we think about it, Girls Side is looking pretty fierce for 2021 as baby girls were popping up all over the place! **Eliza (Derick) Robinson** and husband Adam had baby girl Vivian in May, **Christine (Lusk) Jones** and her husband had baby girl Eloise just in time for Echo Ring in August, and **Greg and Michelle Porter** had a baby girl in September (one month late, but will still skip around the Whip!)

No offense to the other baby mamas and daddies (EHCF knows where its bread is buttered) - but the news you've all been waiting for... (drum roll) Pete and Libby are grandparents! **Katie (Rice)** and **Nick Mouldsdale** had a baby girl, Anna, on August 15th. She is the belle of the Eastern Shore, already has a best friend named Huckleberry and can't wait to show you around camp next summer!

So we know the 2021 Jr's are going to be pretty strong. The 2022 Jr's are looking promising as well. **Jennifer (Fishman) Borzumato** and husband James are expecting a baby girl in November, **Andrea (Martinez) Koindracke** and her husband Steven are expecting a baby in March, **Katherine Hope Gordon** and her husband Sebastian are expecting baby #2 to join big brother Elliott in 2013 and **Liam Gilbert** and his girlfriend Shirley are expecting a baby boy in 2013. No word yet on whether baby Gilbert will be a Yankee or Orioles fan.

Last but definitely not least, we'll end with a riddle. What do Crumpton's, mystery tours, and marrying **Julie Rice** have in common? They turn out triples! That's right folks, Julie and Brent Blyman are expecting triplets!!! This amazing news entails a lot of planning over the next few months. The happy couple will be busy painting rooms, assembling cribs, and stockpiling diapers. Julie did mention though, that she could

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The Grover Washington Family

HAVE YOU HEARD?!...

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NOBODY EXPECTS THE SPANISH INQUISITION

use some help naming the babies since there will be so many other things to take care of. Sooooo ... EHCF is happy to announce the "Name Julie Rice's Babies" contest as our chief fundraiser for 2013. The contest is simple. All donations will be kept secret until the triplets arrive. Once the babies are born, we will announce the top 1, 2, and 3 donors who will have 24 hrs. to name Julie's babies! (1,2, and 3, respectively).

Well, that's it for now. 2012 was another great year for alumni, 2021 and 2022 will have some bad ass Jr's and we can't wait to see y'all at camp next year with baby Anna and her three cousins: SYSCO, Athena, and Swamp Muck!

The most important metric by which EHCF measures success is the number of smiles created over time. While not as scientific as some may like, our smile-readers (tiny, electronic nodes strategically placed throughout camp that also act as a tsunami alert system) picked up huge spikes in activity this summer. The action began in late-June. The graph looked a little like an EKG as the Derecho tore through camp, but, when the going gets tuff, the weird turn pro.

Campers help each other out; new friendships are created by the close living quarters, lessons about patience, getting along, humility instead of self-absorption, and much more creep into every experience. Can it get a little old? Sure. But that didn't slow down Echo Hill, its campers or our campership kids. A few days after the storm, everything was running smoothly in the Land of Pleasant Living.

Yes, after reviewing the smile data, we achieved significant heights of laughter and happiness, despite sending slightly fewer campers to Echo Hill this past year.

How could we achieve more with less? The same way everyone else is doing it — trying harder, doing more, engaging, being accountable. We are also becoming more creative, and challenging our processes in an effort serve you better and raise the money needed to help as many young people as possible.

We've written about a 'Rainy Day Fund' for over a decade. With your help, EHCF set money aside to fulfill our commitments to campership kids even if our resources dwindled. As Monty Python taught: Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition. Well, nobody expected the depths of the Great Recession, either. But your past support eased the pain for our campers.

Did every campership kid who wanted to attend Echo Hill for four weeks get her or his wish? No. But every child promised time at camp attended at least two weeks. And that generated smiles. Ear-to-ear grins. And maybe a tear or two on the last day. Just like it was for us. Just the way it should be.

EHCF deeply appreciates your support to send our young people to Echo Hill Camp. Every dollar you give makes a difference. If you haven't supported us recently, please do so today. Donations have decreased for four years. Corporate support has gone away. EHCF is an alumni-funded organization. On behalf of the children who benefit, the Fund is asking for your financial support. Send us a check equal to the amount you might spend going out for dinner, once. Or, donate the equivalent of a couple of cases of beer and/or a few bottles of wine. Or, go ahead. Write a big check. It always feels good.

Whatever you do, whatever you can do — when we do it together, we have an incredible impact. This is the new normal. And only with your involvement will EHCF continue to succeed. Thank you.

Eliza + Adam Robinson with Vivian



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Thank you.