

CAMP MERRIE-WOODE

Situated, Celebrated on Fairfield Lake

Fall 2011

Camp Merrie-Woode Goes Unplugged – A Huge Success!

The summer of 2011 was a rousing success for Camp Merrie-Woode’s “Unplugged” policy. Created last spring, the policy was instituted at Merrie-Woode this summer in response to the technology explosion of the past decade that had placed many of the fundamental foundations of summer camp in jeopardy.

When Dammie Day established Merrie-Woode in 1919, she created a place where reflection and self-discovery were valued and young women could revel in the beauty and divine spirit surrounding them, both in the landscape and in their fellow camp comrades. Dammie could have never imagined campers coming from a world where the need for speed, constant connection to technology, and instant



gratification threatened the deep connections made at camp. Because of this, we decided to become an “Unplugged” camp.

Campers were restricted from bringing electronic items to camp. This included cell phones, smart phones, iPods and MP3 players, laptops, electronic games, DVD players, and electronic readers.

The biggest challenge this presented was how to ban iPods without eliminating music in camp. The reality of the situation is that the music libraries of campers and counselors exist almost entirely on iPods. Music is a big part of camp. Campers and counselors enjoy listening to music while in their cabins and during activities. We also use music for many of our evening programs. In an effort to accommodate the need for music, we purchased iPod Nanos and speaker docks for use in the cabins and throughout camp. iPod Nanos have the capability of playing music, but not videos or

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Campers sporting their “Merrie-Woode Unplugged” t-shirts!

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At Wit's End

We hope this newsletter finds you doing well and that you are enjoying the cooler temperatures of fall. We have actually been experiencing very chilly nights with temperatures in the lower thirties - Brrrrr! It has been an exciting fall for all of us at camp this year with three weddings and a Wrangler Jeans commercial shoot. It definitely hasn't been our usual quiet off-season.

Once again, camp is at capacity for 2012. We are always thankful to our Merrie-Woode families for being patient with us as we work through the enrollment process. Upon completing the camper enrollment process, we transitioned into the staffing process. We are already busy interviewing our potential 2012 counselor assistants; their excitement for camp and their new roles is contagious. We are thrilled that Merrie-Woode continues to enrich the lives of so many young campers and counselors after so many years of operation. We can't wait for camp's 94th summer.

Our 2011 summer along the shores of Lake Fairfield was a monumental one! Congratulations to all of us who participated in our first "Unplugged" summer. It was wonderful to share music as a community as we

enjoyed more trip songs in Castle, dance parties to our cabin iPods, and many campers and counselors learned to appreciate other people's taste in music. One of our new favorites is the "Duck" song... "Waddle, Waddle, and he waddled away"... this silly little song still makes us laugh. This was also an ACA (American Camp Association) accreditation summer and overall the visitors were impressed by our staff, campers, programming, and facilities. They applauded us on our brave move to go "Unplugged."

Jim and I want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our loyal and dedicated counselors this summer. We felt your love and support throughout the entire summer. We love all of you! We look forward to our off season projects, especially the Chapel and the Cloud Nine renovations. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and we hope to see many of you during our upcoming travels.

Chug a Wump!



Staff News

Our 2011 staff is back in the "real world" after a busy summer at Merrie-Woode. We have enjoyed hearing from many of them in recent weeks. **Carrie Bories** is enjoying her senior year at Sewanee University. Although she graduates in May, Carrie hopes to return to Merrie-Woode for the summer of 2012. Post-graduation life is treating **Campbell Bowers** well in Charleston, SC. Campbell is hoping to take some Education classes in the spring in order to get into teaching. After working as the Assistant Head of the Waterfront this summer, Campbell spent a few weeks road tripping across the country with her best friend from home. They stayed with **Audrey Dyer** in Austin, TX and **Georgia Grey** at SMU! After returning to Charleston, Campbell caught up with **Scottie Springer** who is taking classes toward Physician's Assistant



*Caroline Nevin, Maddie Davis,
Laura Dorris, and Mio Heller*

School. Recent College graduate **Jessica Bowers** is enjoying her new job working for a Nashville art gallery. This semester, **Tee Bowers** is having the time of his life with the National Outdoor Leadership School. Tee will be hiking, paddling, and caving through Wyoming and Utah before returning to Charleston in December. Good luck and be careful, Tee! **Ellie Boydston**, **Lillie Ratliff**, **Bolling Winborne**, and the rest of the UGA Merrie-Woode girls

enjoyed a visit from **Emily Bailey** recently. Some of the UGA girls plan to visit the Sewanee CMW crowd in November. **Ellie Boydston** reports that she is planning to study abroad in Italy next summer before returning to camp. Speaking of UGA, **Caroline Carnahan** met up with **Elisabeth Foster** in Athens, GA recently. They ran into **Avery Wiens**, **Ellie Boydston**, and **Mariah Loop**. Caroline also sees **Stuart Bowers** at school all the time, as well as **Alix Fry** who joined Caroline's sorority! At Sewanee, **Chase Brantley** is loving his first semester there. He is particularly enjoying his Anthropology class, and he is keeping busy working for the Sewanee Outing Program. Chase anticipates receiving his Wilderness First Responder Certification before he returns to Merrie-Woode in 2012 as a member of the Mountaineering Staff. While spending plenty of time



Sara Huffman (95-present) and **Barry Neely (01-02)** working on a film set in Los Angeles

with his grandchildren, **Doug Cameron** is working with his many volunteer organizations and training for a 100 mile kayak race. **Toni Gibbons Carter** reports that she made it safely back to Indiana after a busy summer at camp. She is teaching at Kid Angles Preschool and would love to make another summer here happen. We would love to see you at Merrie-Woode again, Toni! Rumor has it that **Sarah Chatel** is a very big deal at Converse College! She was recently named Captain of the Converse Equestrian Team and she serves on various clubs for the college. At Wake Forest, **Sarah Davis** has been cast in a one-act called Please Have a Seat and Someone Will be with You Shortly this month, and next month she is assistant stage-managing another one act called Helter Skelter. This is all while continuing her Chemistry Major. Sarah reports that her sister, Chandler, is playing the Baker's Wife in Laguna Beach High School's production of Into the Woods. **Maddie Davis** is settled into life at Samford University, where she is contemplating majoring in Elementary Education. Before heading off to school, Maddie caught up with **Laura**

Dorris, Mio Heller, and **Avery Wiens** in Atlanta. College is treating **Elizabeth Dews** well; Elizabeth is in her first semester at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC. We are hoping to see Elizabeth at Merrie-Woode in 2012! After transferring to Furman University from SMU this semester, **Sara Kat Ennis** is very happy in her new school. While working on her Masters at UNCC, **Amanda Fairchild** is teaching at Ardrey Kell High School outside of Charlotte, NC. Amanda finds teaching quite challenging, but she is enjoying it! After camp, **Ele Fox-Bekerman**, **Tarryn Elverd**, **Marnie McIlrath**, and **Pip Smith** traveled around America to see the sights. They first spent some time in Florida, where they visited **Caity Mans**, **Anna Mans**, and **Ashley Helmick**. Ashley took them to Disney World! From there, they visited DC, Boston, and New York. Their traveling companion, the life-sized Justin Bieber cutout, went along for the entire trip! Ele reports that Justin was "surprisingly popular with the cabin crew and pilots on the flight from Florida to DC." We're so glad you enjoyed your well-deserved vacation, Justin! **Nicole Garcia** had a great first summer at Merrie-Woode, and she hopes to return next year. She is hoping to spend some time in England during the month of December to visit **Ele Fox-Bekerman** and **Pip Smith**! Life is busy for **Kaley Garner** down in Orlando. Kaley is juggling Merrie-Woode and the creation of a horseback riding summer camp at her barn next summer. We are hoping that she makes room for both opportunities in 2012! Kaley recently became the Assistant Trainer at SBC Equestrian, where she rides and trains. Congrats, Kaley! The big news on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill is **Rachel Garrett**. Yes, you heard it, Rachel

Garrett was featured in The Daily Tar Heel when her bike was stolen from its rack on campus. The suspect evidently took the bike to The Pit and tried to sell it! The police apprehended the suspect and Rachel got her bike back! Read the full story by googling "rachel garrett dth." Before spending the summer at Merrie-Woode, **Virginia Gibbons** graduated Magna Cum Laude from Washington State University in Apparel, Merchandising, Design, and Textiles. She also had some designs published in a book that is coming out sometime soon called Emerging Designers. Well done, Virginia! **Gabrielle Going** is enjoying her sophomore year at University of Notre Dame, where she is a studio art major with a supplemental pre-med major. Although **Libby Greenberg** is glad to be back at UNC-Chapel Hill for her sophomore year, she says she misses the simple life at camp. Libby is hoping to return to Merrie-Woode for her second summer in 2012. Senior Year has been busy for **Georgia Grey** at SMU. Georgia is hoping to land a job with Teach for America when she graduates. For the first half of the summer of 2012, **Julia Haman** will be traveling in Europe and will return just in time for her to work the August Session! **Catie Hancock** is keeping busy during her senior year at Furman University. She is currently student teaching in a second grade



Lisa Blake, Caity Mans, and Anna Mans with their new dogs: Ella, Scout, and Bonnie.



Adrienne and Emily Rich

classroom in Greenville and loving it! Apparently her summers in Du Kum Inn have paid off! Catie plans to stay on at Furman to earn her Masters in Early Childhood Education. We were glad to hear that **Ashley Helmick** is putting her kayaking skills to good use at school this year. Ashley is the teaching assistant for a kayaking class at Clemson University. She recently taught a girl in the class how to roll after the instructor admitted to Ashley that he had “given up hope” on girls in his class learning to roll. In fact, the student was the first girl to learn to roll in the class within the last 5 years. Way to go, Ashley; show him what Merrie-Woode girls are made of! At Kent State University, **Oksana Henry** is juggling clinical rotations for Nursing School with her responsibilities as a residence advisor. **Megan Herald** is a senior at Oakland University in Oakland, MI. She recently started an internship with E.C. Campbell Photography. She is planning to visit **Amanda Fairchild** around Christmas and maybe meet up with **Rhaelynn Givens** at a horseshow in Kentucky this April. At the end of the summer, **Sara Huffman** moved to Los Angeles where she is pursuing a career in the film industry. Shortly after arriving on

the west coast, she worked for a week on a film set with former Merrie-Woode counselor, **Barry Neely**. Over at Washington & Lee University, **Adele Irwin** is settling into college life. Although she will not be back at camp this summer, Adele is having fun running into Merrie-Woode girls all over campus. **Ellie Lee** is getting back into the swing of life in Charleston after a busy summer at Camp. She is working at a local art studio where she teaches in the afterschool program. Ellie recently went to a Clemson football game where she saw many familiar Merrie-Woode faces! After a busy summer juggling responsibilities in Drama and Boating, **Sarah Logan** spent some time in London before going to Scotland to work in an organic garden outside of St. Andrews. She spent about three weeks in the garden and had a fantastic experience. This semester, Slogan is interning full-time for the Obama campaign while balancing her school obligations at Northwestern University. Slogan recently came to Western NC for a visit with Lindsay Garner Hostetler. They caught up with Sara Huffman, too, who was in town from Los Angeles for a wedding. Also at Northwestern, **Shelby Lopez** is keeping busy with the dance team. After graduating from Hollins University in May, **Maddie Marion** spent the summer as Merrie-Woode’s Riding Director. Now Maddie is enjoying her internship at CMW, where she is learning the ropes around the Main Office. Maddie, we are SO GLAD to have you as part of the year-round team! **Holly Marsh** is wrapping up her final semester at Western Carolina University with an internship with North Carolina Outward Bound Schools. Though she is unsure of her post-graduation plans, she does hope to return to Merrie-Woode for the summer of

2012. UNC-Chapel Hill is treating **Katie Martinez** very well so far! She is getting used to college life and loves spending time with all of the UNC Merrie-Woode girls. This semester **Jessica Mikolowsky** is raising a lab puppy through the Guide Dog Foundation while also volunteering at The Therapeutic Riding Center and The Post Anesthesia Care Unit at St. Mary’s Hospital in Athens, GA. **Caroline Nevin** is enjoying her first semester at Auburn University where she recently pledged Kappa Alpha Theta. During the summer of 2011, **Arlie Pearce** volunteered in South Africa for a month. She will be studying abroad in London this semester. Rather than being at Merrie-Woode this summer, **Kara Leigh Pulley** spent her summer at Miami University of Ohio. Kara Leigh is coxing, for her third year, for the Miami University Rowing Club. She saw Slogan at Rowing Nationals this past May! **Adrienne Rich** and **Parker Rice** pledged Alpha Gamma Delta at the University of Alabama this semester. **Callie McCraney** is their sorority sister! Adrienne’s sister, **Emily Rich**, is enjoying her second year at New College of Florida. She says that there is not much news to report, and she is counting down the days until next summer! Back at Mercer University, **Kelsie Romaine** is having a great junior year. She is looking forward to another summer



Chase Brantley, Eliza Williams, Margaret Tolmie, and Rachel Garrett

at Merrie-Woode in 2012. **Nikki Ross** had a great summer at camp, as well. She hopes to return next summer, but in the meantime, Nikki is keeping busy in her senior year at Bloomingdale High School. Joining the Merrie-Woode ranks at Sewanee, **Mary Beth Royal** is loving her first semester. She is looking forward to the Ecuador paddling trip in December! **Shirley Smircic** is enjoying her junior year at Davidson College. She is a hall counselor for freshman this year, which she really enjoys. Shirley says it is like being a camp counselor, except she has homework! At Appalachian State

University, **Molly Vaughn** is doing well in her sophomore year. She had a great first summer at Merrie-



Tarryn Elverd, Pip Smith, Marnie McIlrath, the Justin Bieber cut-out, and Elle Fox-Bekerman in Washington, DC

Woode and hopes to return in 2012! The Weatherby girls have been quite busy since the end of camp. **Ingrid Weatherby** is in her first year of teaching Health and Physical Education at Summit Charter School in Cashiers, NC. Meanwhile, **Vivian Weatherby** is interning with Dr. Stroud at the Walhalla Vet Clinic. Vivian is hoping to go to vet school, and the internship is a great way to get experience before school begins. Speaking of animals, Vivian welcomed a 3 month old German Short-Haired Pointer named Sir Galahad to the family. He is SO cute!

Alumnae News



Walker Freeman Jones (93-04)
*and her daughter, Frazier,
at High Heaven this fall*

Laura Rankin Allen (68-70) is living in Charlotte, NC where she works as the Volunteer Coordinator at the Free Clinic. **Lila Allen (97-04)** is working for the Bechtler Museum of Art in Charlotte, NC. **Virginia Neal Almand (54-60)** enjoyed celebrating her husband, Bond's, 70th birthday with a house party in High Heaven this past November. This has become quite a delightful tradition as the family also celebrated his 50th and 65th birthdays there. James and **Kathryn Calder Barmore (93-05)** have moved to Charlotte, NC. Dennis and **Emily Wilson Callahan (87-97)** live in Atlanta,

GA with their three daughters and one son. **Ann Schnell Cliquet (90-02)** and her husband, Julien, are living in Toulouse, France where she works as a translator. Former counselor, **Tori Dalzell (05-06)** has resumed her graduate studies this fall at University of California - Riverside. She spent the past year abroad where she volunteered for a NGO in Nepal that works with language, literacy, and community development. She then spent three months doing coursework in Thailand. **Kelly Friedlander (02-08)** will be attending Tulane University this fall. **Cooley Horner (95-07)** is enjoying her first year at the University of New Hampshire School of Law. After graduating last spring from Oregon State University with a Masters of Science in Marine Resource Management, **Joy Irby (94-06)** spent some time traveling in New Zealand. She has recently started a new job at Western North Carolina Alliance as the Education and Outings Coordinator. **Maryanna Phillips Koehring (82-95)** has recently started a small business in Vermont called Teen Ballroom. **Liz**

Lee (93-08) is living in Houston, TX where she works as a geologist for ExxonMobil. She spent some time this spring traveling around Nepal where she enjoyed hiking the Annapurna Circuit and experiencing the culture of the mountain people of the region. After working for the past year and a half in Macau, China for Cirque du Soliel, **Keiko LeMon (95-09)** will join the international tour of Cirque's new show, Totem, this fall as a technician. The show will be performing in a number of cities including San Francisco, London, San Jose, and Atlanta. **Blain Lewis (03-08)** has started her freshman year at Sewanee. Former drama and music counselor, **Em McKeever (06)**, is working as a naturalist for Lums Pond State Park in Delaware where she also runs a day camp. She is still busy with her music, writing songs, leading church choir, and teaching music lessons. **Nina Montgomery (04-06)**, a sophomore at Dartmouth College, was selected as one of the five finalists from 35,000 applicants for Seventeen Magazine's "Pretty Amazing Contest." She is in the October



Liz Lee (93-08) at *Thorung La Pass*, elevation 17,769 feet, on the *Annapurna Circuit* in Nepal

issue of *Seventeen Magazine* and featured in a half hour television show which premiered on MTV on August 30th. Nina is the creator of the “Don’t Stand By, Stand Up” campaign against bullying which she speaks about both in the magazine and on the television show. **Hannah Moon (97-08)** will spend the fall volunteering at Shanti Bhavan, a school in India. **Anna Katherine Moore (00-08)** will be stage managing a production of *A Christmas Carol* at Theatre Charlotte this winter. **Jessica Werner Moskowitz (94-03)** is living with her family in Coral Gables, FL. Her daughter, Serafina, will be starting preschool this fall. **Mollie Murray (93-07)** has started her third and final year in the Master of Fine Arts program in Creative Writing at the University of Alaska - Fairbanks. She is enjoying living in a little cabin without running water with her two Alaskan huskies



Tinsley Ullrich (05-present), **Dorothy Meachum (08-present)**, **Annie Ullrich (06-present)**, and **Caroline Ullrich (08-present)** at *Disneyland*

while she works on a collection of short stories. **Anne Meade Paden (93-03)** is studying at Salem College where she is working towards her Masters in Elementary Education and Special Education. She is currently student teaching in a 5th grade classroom in Winston-Salem, NC. **Laney Pait (02-04)** is a rising senior at the University of Georgia where she is majoring in Advertising in the Grady School of Journalism. **Mary Ellen Pearce (00-03)** is completing her first year of teaching with Teach For America in Wilmington, DE. **Betsy Warfel Philmon (96-04)** and her husband, Ryan, are living in Greenville, SC where she is working as a Pediatric RN. **Jane Potts (63-67)** was thrilled to meet **Mary Grace Bowers (05-present)** by chance while taking the train from Richmond, VA to Charleston, SC. The two loved sharing their camp experiences together. After three grandsons, **Ashby Whitney Roberts (59-60)** is enjoying teaching camp songs to her first granddaughter. **Liv Rooth (90-00)** appeared on Broadway this year as the understudy for the female lead in *Born Yesterday*, starring Jim Belushi and Robert Sean Leonard. This fall she starred in Tennessee Williams’ *Suddenly Last Summer* at Westport Country Playhouse in Connecticut. **Anna Stephens (04-10)** is working in the research department at Walt Disney World. She is looking forward to begin working towards her Masters degree at the University of Central Florida within the next year. **Molly Cramer Tipps (90-96)** lives with her husband in Houston, TX. **Shaw Vanze (91-01)** has graduated from law school and is now working at a law firm in Washington DC. **Reilly Ward (96-06)** is currently attending law school at the University of Alabama. **Amanda Werner (98-07)** is continuing her studies in nursing at the University of Miami and is also working as a personal trainer. **Emiko Williams (99-08)**



Camp friends, **Kelly McIntosh Roberson (82-86)**, **Jane Pope Waters (82-91)**, and **Forsyth Crommelin Adams (80-87)** pick up their daughters on camp’s closing day

continues to work at The American School, an international school in Tokyo, Japan. She has been involved in fundraising for relief efforts in the north of Japan this year after the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the region in March. She is proud to report that her school has raised \$400,000. **Natalie Williams (92-06)** is working as a PA for a private practice in Atlanta, GA. **Margaret Cheatham Williams (98-07)** spent this summer interning for the Washington Post. **Cecilia Williams (02-06)** is enjoying her freshman year at Washington and Lee University. Josh and **Sara J. Martin Wright (02-08)** are moving from Saratoga Springs, NY to Groton, CT this fall where Josh will attend the Submarine Officer Advanced Course. **Madelyn Rankin Zoi (65-68)** is living in Sydney, Australia and Queenstown, New Zealand.



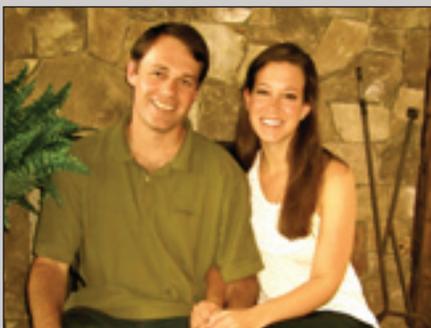
Lucile Moss Meyer (89-90), **Dorothy Moss Williams (83-90)**, and **Lucile Lowry Williams**

CMW Engagements and Weddings



David and Sarah Allen Blais (93-01)

Sarah Allen (93-01) married David Mark Blais on October 8, 2011 at Camp Merrie-Woode. **Katherine Almquist (93-07)** married Mike Ryker in Raleigh, NC on May 21, 2011. Her sister, **Anna Almquist (99-07)**, was her Maid of Honor. **Alison Chatel (97-08)** and Chad Paris were married on April 23, 2011 at Haile Plantation in Gainesville, FL. **Martha Cole (97-10)** is engaged to marry Gregory Todd Dyer on May 5, 2012. Jordan Chase Crowson married **Pollard Elliott (98-09)** on August 27, 2011 in Huntsville, AL. Pollard's bridesmaids included **Jane Anne**



*Calene Wertymyer (00-09)
and her fiancée, Jimmy*

Martin (99-10) and **Elizabeth Etherton (94-present)**. **Whitney Dunlap (89-04)** is engaged to be married to Kent McLeod. The wedding is set for June 2, 2012. Mountaineering Head, **Holly Marsh (10-present)**, and Andrew Blease are engaged to be married. Andrew is a junior at Western Carolina University where Holly will be graduating in December. Andrew proposed while he and Holly were hiking through Pantertown this fall. **Lauren Norton (97-09)** married Jordon Andrews on June 25, 2011 in Sarasota, FL. They met at Auburn University. Lauren's bridal party



Chad and Alison Chatel Paris (97-08)

included fellow Merrie-Woode girls, **Evan Norton (97-05)**, **Kara Norton (99-08)**, **Audrey Dyer (95-09)**, and **Taylor Kronn (98-08)**. Former counselor, **Lauren Platt (09)**, is engaged to marry Lee Warren on June 23, 2012. **Maddie Marion (08-present)** will be a bridesmaid. **Katie Rushing (94-09)** and **Hobie Manley** are engaged. The wedding date is set for April 28, 2012 in Beaufort, SC. Hobie and Katie plan to reside in Charleston, SC where Hobie recently accepted



*Mike and Katherine Almquist Ryker
(93-07)*

a position at Kiawah Island Golf Resort. **Kristin Simmons (95-99)** and Robert Ferguson were married at First Presbyterian Church in Highlands, NC on September 10, 2011. The reception was held at the Simmons Farm, just outside of town. The bridal party included Kristin's sisters, **Gregory Simmons (96)**, **Karen Simmons (96-08)**, and **Sarah Simmons (96-07)**. **Kim Tuthill (94-07)** is engaged to be



*Kara Norton (99-08),
Taylor Kronn (98-08),
Lauren Norton Andrews (97-09),
Audrey Dyer (95-09), and
Evan Norton (97-05) at
Lauren's wedding in June*

married to Chris White. Chris proposed at Machu Picchu in Peru. The wedding is planned for



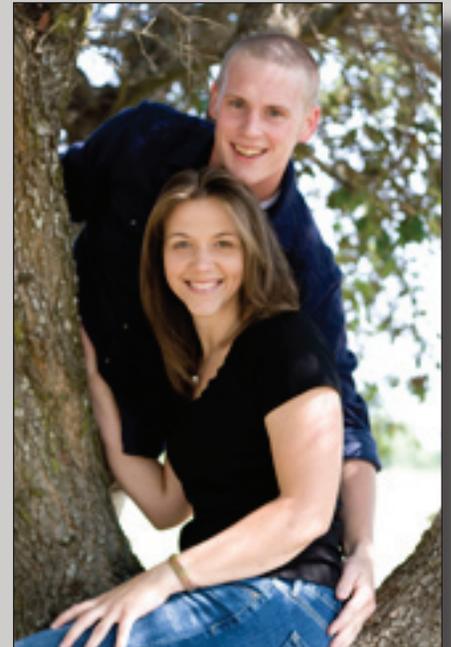
Katie Rushing (94-09) and her fiancé, **Hobie Manley**

September of 2012 in Houston, TX. Jimmy Chambers proposed to **Calene Wertymyer (00-09)** on top



Robert and Kristin Simmons Ferguson (95-99)

of Old Bald this summer. They are excited to be planning a wedding for May 12, 2012.



Holly Marsh (10-present) and her fiancé, **Andrew**

CMW Births

Rosemary Williams Anderson (92-05) and her husband, Tim, are expecting a baby boy this winter. Joel and **Leah Catherine Swindal Brake (91-92)** are expecting their first child, a girl, this fall. **Brian Brown (97-06)** and **Hayley Hardin Brown (02-present)** are expecting their first child. **Katie Snyder Carson (85-98)** and her husband,



Sara J. Martin Wright's (02-08) new baby girl, **Addison Olivia**



Jen Hammaker Rondeau's (87-02) baby boy, **Jack**

Kenneth, have welcomed a second son to their family. Jude Clement Carson was born on November 12, 2010. **Katie Burt Connell (87-98)** and her husband, Justin, welcomed their first child, a baby boy named Beecher Roberts, on March 6, 2011. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 22 inches. **Laura Gleason Crawford (89-96)** and her

husband, Stephen, have welcomed a daughter to their family. Charlotte Suzanne Crawford was born on June 20, 2011, weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured in at 19 1/4 inches. **Ann Whitham Cundy (89-00)** and her husband, Steve, have a new son. John Harford "Ford" Cundy was born on July 24, 2011. Luke and **Kelley Landry Doiron**



Katie Snyder Carson's (85-98) youngest son, **Jude**

(88-00) now have three boys in the family! Benjamin Clint was born on June 25, 2011 at 3:52am. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Patrick and **Emily Pittman Funderburk (87-01)** are expecting their second child. Fred and **Hontas McGee Lowrance (88-98)** have a new baby girl! Harriet "Hattie" Moore Lowrance arrived on March 7, 2011. She and big sister, Lula, can't wait to be Merrie-Woode girls! Jimmy and **Marriott Horton Miller (93-02)** have a daughter! Esther Frances Miller was born on April 22, 2011 weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Casey and **Julie Griggs Newton (88-08)** have another little girl! Grace Anne was born on September 2, 2011. Little Perry is now a big sister. **Jen Hammaker Rondeau (87-02)** and her husband, Paul, have welcomed their first child. Jack Rivers Rondeau was born on September 27, 2011 at 12:46pm. **Liza Stone-Banks** and her husband are expecting their first child November 5, 2011. **Caroline Cameron Theobald (85-91)** and

her husband, Jason, welcomed their second child, Laura Frances, on February 17, 2011. Jeremy and **Liz Moore Uecker (90-99)** have welcomed a new little girl to their family. Sally Louise Uecker arrived on September 17, 2011. Woodie and **Betsy Hassinger Van Horn (93-97)** are expecting their third child in April. Zach and **Katie Miller Willie (92-03)** are expecting their first child in January. Josh and **Sara J. Martin Wright (02-08)** welcomed their second daughter. Addison Olivia Martin Wright was born on June 7, 2011 weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. Evelyn, now 2 years old, is enjoying her new role as big sister.



Esther Frances, Marriott Horton Miller's (93-02) baby girl



Ann Whitham Cundy's (89-00) son, Ford



Laura Gleason Crawford's (89-96) daughter, Charlotte Suzanne



Beecher Roberts Connell, Katie Burt Connell's (87-98) son



Kelley Landry Doiron's (88-00) son, Benjamin Clint



Sally Louise, Liz Moore Uecker's (90-99) baby girl



Laura Frances, Caroline Cameron Theobald's (85-91) daughter

In Memoriam:

Nancy Kent Hill Graham (48-51) passed away on October 4, 2010. Her husband, Bill, says she always spoke fondly of her summers at Merrie-Woode and camp always remained a place that was close to her heart. **Eunice Bizzell Huettner (42-45)** passed away on August

23, 2011. She enjoyed coming to Merrie-Woode with her sister, **Mary Louise Bizzell Burres (47)**, in the 1940s. Countless relatives of Mrs. Huettner have attended Merrie-Woode through the years and continue to do so to this day. **Virginia Seal Wagner (41-44)**

passed away in July of 2011. Just a few years ago she met with Lindsay Hostetler to share her old camp photo books with Merrie-Woode. She loved reminiscing about her camper days and memories of Dammie Day.

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games. These were pre-loaded with a wide variety of music based on suggestions made by campers and counselors. In doing so, music once again became a shared experience in camp instead of an isolating one.

The camp iPods were a huge success. Music could be heard from cabins and activities throughout the summer. Cabin groups used them frequently at evening programs for performances and dance parties. We saw a resurgence of trip songs in Castle each morning as groups taking trips out of camp once again began listening to music together on the ride back to camp.

We received overwhelming support for “Merrie-Woode Unplugged” from our alumnae. We collected countless letters,

notes, and emails praising the policy and cheering the effort. 1950s camper, Daphne Flowers Wood, wrote us saying, “Gigantic congratulations for unplugging Merrie-Woode. I salute and applaud all your reasons for doing so.” Mollie Murray was a camper from 1993 to 2001 and a counselor from 2004 to 2007. She is now in her third year studying at the University of Alaska – Fairbanks. She lives in a small cabin without running water with her two Alaskan Huskies. After reading the spring newsletter, Mollie told us, “I would like to offer my support for Merrie-Woode Unplugged! I know that a huge part of my Merrie-Woode experience was shaped by learning to love and respect the outdoors, the wilderness – and I am so happy

that you are trying to pass that on to other girls. They might not find such an opportunity anywhere else.” Cobby Young Witherington, a 1980s camper, former counselor, and current camp parent, simply proclaimed, “Thank you for preserving the sanctity of Merrie-Woode!”

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the first year of “Merrie-Woode Unplugged” such a success! We thank the alumnae for their support and the campers, parents, and counselors of 2011 for keeping up a policy we believe will continue to serve Merrie-Woode well into the future as technology only continues to advance. Merrie-Woode girls are proud to say that we can live without the distractions of technology while enjoying the beauty around us.

2011 ACA Accreditation Summer

This was an ACA (American Camp Association) accreditation summer. This visit occurs every three years. It is an in-depth review of our printed procedures, safety protocols, and an observation of our entire operation. Our final scores just arrived and while the scores are confidential, we are very pleased with the outcome. The ten section scores were everything we

were hoping for! Hats off to our 2011 staff for a job well done! The two ACA visitors were impressed with the whole camp operation,



especially our counselors and campers. A funny side note... At lunch, the visitation team was sitting at Table One and the entire camp community decided to sing the “Merrie-Woode Guest” song. When the song was finished, the visitors stood up, waved, and remarked to us that this was the first time they have ever been sung to on a visit! They loved it.

Reaching the 2011 Annual Fund Goal!

It's not too late to contribute to this year's Annual Fund! Our 2011 goal is \$100,000. Your support helps to provide excellence in the camping experience; from staffing and programming, to facility improvements and camperships.

This year, in light of the economic situation, Merrie-Woode has allotted additional funds to go towards the 2012 camperships. Camperships assist families in making the Merrie-Woode experience a reality for their girls each summer. Merrie-Woode also works with a number of not-for-profit scholarship foundations

and leadership programs in North Carolina to provide full camperships to girls who would not otherwise be afforded this opportunity. Girls in these programs are nominated by school counselors, teachers, and principals who feel candidates display a strong work ethic, positive attitude, and leadership abilities. This has created some extremely successful experiences and we look forward to continuing to foster these partnerships as we move into the 2012 camping season.

Gifts to the Merrie-Woode Foundation are tax deductible

for individuals, corporations and foundations within the limits of section 501(c) (3) of the IRS code. All contributors to the 2011 Annual Fund and a full report will be published in the spring 2012 newsletter. 2011 Annual Fund gifts can be mailed to **Camp Merrie-Woode, 100 Merrie-Woode Road, Sapphire, NC 28774** or given **online using PayPal. Go to our website www.merriewood.com, then go to the Alumnae tab, scroll down to Annual Fund, and click "donate."**

Your Annual Fund Dollars at Work!

The Riding Program is pleased to announce the new Old Bald Horse Trail. It was used a bit this summer, but we are hoping that the trail will provide more opportunities in future summers. The new trail is beautiful and allows us to access the Old Bald trail without walking all the way out to the dam. Instead, we can cut up the horse trail and meet the Old Bald trail midway up the mountain. Though the horse trail is a bit steep, it provides an extra challenge to our more advanced riders. Furthermore, it gives our campers a chance to use their riding skills in a wilderness context outside of Merrie-Woode's riding rings!

The trail culminates at a shelter



Main Session campers and counselors enjoying a Riding Program overnight trip

that has space for up to five horses so that the trip can act as an overnight opportunity for our riders. The girls who took the first overnight this summer had a ball! The overnights will generally pack out and leave after rest hour and return to camp the next morning in time for first period. We plan to add a requirement to the Knight level of our Horsemaster's program, stating that all Knight campers must take one overnight on the new trail. We are excited for more groups to utilize the trail summer after summer, and we hope that it will provide years of quality instruction and challenge for our campers!

While the Riding Program enjoyed their new overnight facilities and trail, the campers in Nature classes were enjoying a new garden. Campers



Main Session camper, Kendall Gibson, showing off produce from the new organic garden



Campers tending the new Nature Nook garden

learned about organic gardening, cultivating, harvesting, and composting. A new Merrie-Woode Garden Club, created for each session's older campers, was a huge hit! They worked to tend a vegetable and herb garden and took on a feeling of ownership and responsibility in the care of the garden.

These improvements in programming and facilities are directly funded by the Merrie-Woode Annual Fund. Without your donations, projects like these would not be possible. Thank you to all of our contributors! We are already looking forward to the next projects on our list that will influence the quality of camp for our 94th season!

From the Archives...

It may surprise some of our current campers, but Merrie-Woode has not always had modern conveniences now considered basic necessities. For instance, during the first few decades at camp, the bathhouses did not have hot water. There was not a phone to be found on camp property until sometime after World War II. If Dammie Day, camp's founder, needed to use the phone, she had to travel out to the old Fairfield Inn located at the end of the mile long camp road. Most cabins today may only have a single light bulb, but campers of the 1930s and 1940s remember cabins without any electricity at all. While buildings like the Dining Hall and Castle had electric lights, the only source of light in the cabin was a solitary kerosene lantern. Two girls from each cabin were responsible for the care of that lantern each week.

Evening programs were held in Castle every night. The entire camp, at that time made up of about one hundred campers and their counselors, would gather in the great building on the hill to listen to classical music recitals, read poetry aloud, or watch theatrical performances. A fire would often be lit in the large stone fireplace, adding to the cozy atmosphere of community and reflection. When the evening program came to a close, everyone would circle up on the front lawn of Castle while singing "Shiney Miney." They would then clasp hands, arms

crossed in front of them, right over left, and sing "Taps" to end their day together. Once Dammie said good night and campers began to scurry, singing "So run along down and jump into bed, say your prayers and cover your head...", one girl from each cabin would go back up into Castle where a counselor would hand her a lit lantern. She would then walk down to her cabin, accompanied by her friends and cabin mates laughing and singing, using the flame of the lamp to guide them. The lantern was hung up inside the cabin, providing a warm glow as girls hurried to get ready for bed before a bugle playing "Taps" signaled it was time for lights to go out.

The next morning, as part of the cabin inspection routine, the cabin's caretaker of the lantern was responsible for getting it all cleaned up and polished. She would wipe the soot from the inside of the glass and polish the metal before returning the lantern back to Castle where a counselor would refill every lamp with kerosene so they would be ready to go again before evening came.

Just imagine the picture that must have created each night...clusters of girls making their way down the moonlit paths, under a starry night, with little lantern lights bobbing in the darkness. How beautiful and magical that seems now. It's a nostalgic and slightly romantic story of a simple moment in camp, but perhaps what is most touching

is that this version of a day's end at camp is pretty similar to our current one. Campers have replaced glowing lanterns with plastic flashlights and LED headlamps, but everything else is almost exactly the same. Most evening programs are still held in the Castle on the hill, we still circle up each evening, clasping our hands together in the same fashion, to sing "Taps" and conclude our day together. Campers still scamper down to their cabin lines to hurriedly get ready for bed before Jim blows "Taps" from his trombone and all cabin lights are turned off. The enchantment of glimmering lamp lights on a mountain night reflects both how much has changed and how much has remained the same at Merrie-Woode through the ages...that is the real magic of camp.



A camper cleans her cabin lantern on the front line, circa 1940

Attention, CMW Sailing Enthusiasts!

Camp Merrie-Woode's sail boat supplier, sailing consultant, and CMW grandfather, Guy McSweeney, has accumulated a large number of sound Sunfish

sailboats that he is willing to donate to a good home. These are NOT new boats and would require cosmetic repairs. Guy will work with you as he is

willing to provide needed parts at 20% off. If you are interested, please contact him at his email address: guy@islc.net.

Retiring Board Members Replaced by Two New Members

At the Fall Meeting of the Merrie-Woode Foundation, Chairman Liz Counce Irwin and the Board of Trustees recognized three board members who have completed their term of outstanding service to the Merrie-Woode Foundation: Vice Chairman Sylvia Sparkman Coker, who served on the Executive, Development, and Nominating Committees, and was Chair of the Programming Committee; Ed Savitz, who served on the Executive and Finance Committees, and was Chair of the Audit Committee; and Edgar Bright, who served on the Finance and Audit Committees. The

Merrie-Woode family is grateful for their commitment and effort.

We welcome two newly elected Board Trustees. Joseph (Jed) Lykes, of Tampa, Florida will join the Board in 2012. Jed and his wife, Debe, are former parents and Jed served on the *The Final Piece* Capital Campaign Committee. His daughter, Anne, is a former camper and recent counselor. Harry (Merritt) Lane joins the Board from New Orleans, Louisiana. Merritt and his wife, Elly, have three daughters attending camp, Caroline, Sarah, and Izzy. Welcome, Jed and Merritt!



Sylvia Sparkman Coker and Ed Savitz are presented with a framed photo of Merrie-Woode for their service on the Board of Trustees

The Chapel Renovation is Underway

This spring the Board of Trustees reviewed and approved proposed Chapel renovations. In recent years, the Chapel had begun to deteriorate as the ground below settled. Board Trustee, landscape designer, and alumna, Elizabeth Simpson Poyner has assisted in the planning of this project. Elizabeth was inspired by the Swarthmore College Scott Outdoor Amphitheater in Pennsylvania when designing the Chapel renovation for Merrie-Woode.

This summer, Elizabeth continued to review the site plan with Jim, Denice, and the Chair of the Board's Facilities Committee, Boo Tyler Kennedy. The CMW facilities crew

even built mock seating options and campers and counselors were called upon to test the proportion preferences for the structure. The campers were happy to be a part of the process!

In August, Jim and the facilities crew prepared for the removal of the old Chapel structure. An arborist was called in to assess the large trees in the area. Once this was completed, the foundation specialist and the stonework company reviewed the site. After all this, Travis Fox and camp's facilities crew painstakingly set aside as much of the original flagstone as possible. This stone will be incorporated in with the newer

flagstone, thus preserving a portion of the previous Chapel.

The newly renovated structure will be very much in keeping with the Chapel we all remember. The overall size will only increase slightly to accommodate the size of our current camp community. To date, the Chapel foundation has been poured and the stone mason is on site installing the cinder block walls. After the block is laid, we will add the flagstone facing and seating. Before the 2012 camp season, grass will be added between the seating rows and additional trees will be planted. We can't wait for our first Chapel service next summer!



Block walls going up for the new Chapel

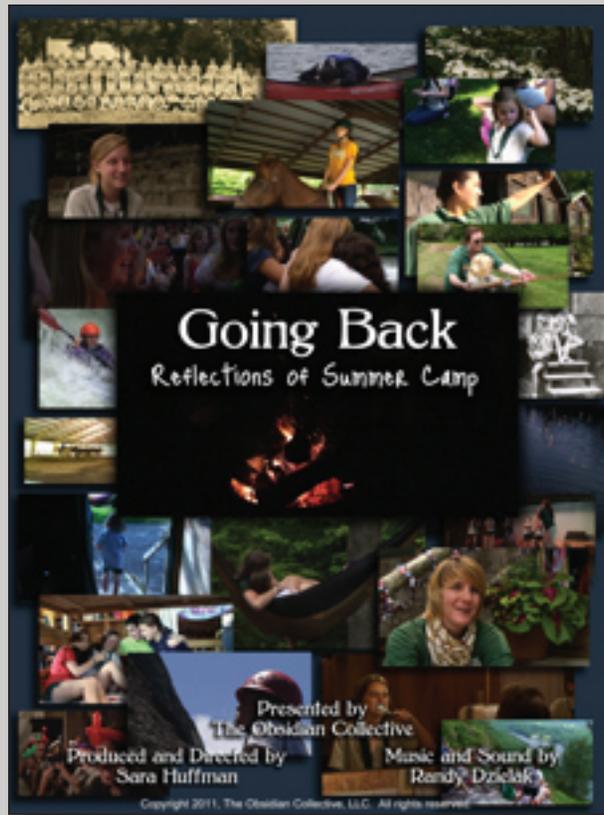


The new Chapel is starting to take shape!

Going Back is the Best of All

On a cool summer evening in July, as the sun sinks down behind the mountain, campers and counselors begin to gather inside Castle, trying to get a good seat for Movie Night. This night's evening program has become a much anticipated event as everyone knows that this Movie Night is going to be something special. Tonight Camp Merrie-Woode is the site of the world premiere of Going Back: Reflections of Summer Camp, a feature length documentary produced and directed by Merrie-Woode alumna, Sara Huffman. The excitement builds as campers chatter and open their boxes of popcorn, while Sara walks in front of the movie screen. The crowd quiets as Sara makes her opening remarks to introduce her film. "There was only one story I wanted to tell, and that was of camp. And you all are the inspiration and the subject, so I hope you enjoy it. I have wanted you to see it for so long." The house lights turn off, the image of a crackling campfire appears on the screen, and an audience of Merrie-Woode girls erupts into applause.

Sara began this project in the early months of 2009 when she decided to film a documentary about Camp Merrie-Woode. It began as a personal project, a film about the place she loved the most. Quite simply, she was making a movie that she would want to later sit down and watch. Sara had recently graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May of 2008 with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. "Documentary film-making had been something that always intrigued me," Sara says. "I started thinking about what sort of



Poster art for Going Back: Reflections of Summer Camp

subjects I would want to explore, and camp was the first and strongest story that I felt compelled to tell. If there was anything that was worth telling people about, it was Merrie-Woode." She filmed throughout the June and Main Sessions of camp in the summer of 2009. She interviewed campers, counselors, and senior staff, and carried her camera everywhere that summer. She filmed everything she could, from the mountain mist rising in the early morning rays of sun, to the small voices singing Taps under a starlit sky, trying to capture and frame the magic of a camp summer. By the end of July she had more than sixty hours of footage saved.

After filming that summer, Sara put the documentary away for about a year to focus on other projects, among them a feature length

independent film recently sold to a distribution company. When she returned her attention to the Merrie-Woode documentary, she approached the project after a productive break and, as she says, "with a fresh set of eyes." Now came the hard part – editing down everything she had filmed into an hour and a half feature. "Editing was really tough because I had so much to work with," recalls Sara. "When I was filming, I had a general idea of what I wanted, but I honestly didn't know specifics. I just concentrated on making sure I captured every possible thing I could ever need, so that when I did sit down to edit, I had the ability to choose from a variety of options." As she sifted through hours upon hours of footage, a story slowly started to emerge. What came out of that process was a story

not only about a summer at camp, but about what camp means to its family of campers, counselors, and alumnae. Sara noted, "...I realized that the story I thought I was going to tell while I was shooting wasn't what I wanted to do anymore. The story ended up being much more personal and emotional, rather than informational." Once Sara got into the editing process, she worked diligently to get it finished. She went through multiple cuts of the film, showing versions to friends and family members along the way. "Editing was a huge test on my self-discipline," recalls Sara, "but having very patient and understanding friends and family members pushed me to keep going. I wanted them to see what I was working so hard on, and they supported me through all

of my doubts and struggles. I would probably still be editing if they hadn't been there!"

After four solid months of editing, Sara had a rough cut of the film. She began to work with a composer to write the music, started working on the graphic design, and moved forward to finish post-production work. Her new goal was to get the documentary finished and ready to show at camp. "I knew that I wanted to premiere the doc at camp...I was driven to get everything finished by Opening Day of June Session 2011." As it turns out, she was still putting finishing touches on things well into the 2011 summer while she was back at camp, working on the Drama Staff and living as a non-cabin staff member in Gate House. "I didn't ever predict that I would *literally* finish the film while at camp, burning that first DVD in Gate House," Sara jokes, "but...I think it's appropriate that that's the way it happened."

What she ended up with was a hit! That premiere of Going Back at a Main Session Movie Night was an evening to remember. Campers and counselors alike were moved

by a story they all felt belonged to them. Somehow, it was as if Sara had managed to say exactly what we've all been feeling about this place so beloved and cherished by all Merrie-Woode girls. It told the story of how a summer camp can excite, challenge, heal, unite, and inspire. As Sara reflected on the film, she said, "The words you hear in the film aren't mine, but they are universal...I didn't have the words, but other people did, and that, combined with the visual evidence in the footage, was the story. And it was my story, even though I didn't mean for it to be starting out." When asked if her experience on the documentary changed the way she viewed camp in any way, Sara replied, "I would have never expected it, but the process really solidified my relationship with camp...I felt connected to camp as a whole, and not just my little section based on very select personal experiences. I really love that, and that feeling has stayed with me ever since." She also noted that, "by learning what camp has done for other people, it made me realize what it has also done for me. It taught me what I was good



Sara Huffman filming at Camp Merrie-Woode

at and what I loved to do. It helped me establish a sense of self...Camp has defined me in very significant ways. And that is something that I will draw on for the rest of my life. And as Going Back suggests, so will other people for years to come."

Going Back: Reflections of Summer Camp is now available in the Merrie-Woode Stock Shop. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Merrie-Woode Foundation, Inc. to help fund camp scholarships. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please visit the on-line Stock Shop (see article on back page) or call the camp office.

Wrangler Jeans Films at Merrie-Woode

This fall Wrangler Jeans came to Camp Merrie-Woode to film a television commercial. A film crew of about 40 people spent two days



Wrangler Jeans films a scene on Lake Fairfield

at camp filming scenes throughout the property. The Program Office was transformed into actors' dressing rooms while the crew shot



Film crew members rest in between takes on the shores of Lake Fairfield

scenes on the lake, the landsports field, at Witch's Kitchen, the Inn Site, and in front of Bat's Roost. The commercial will feature men sporting Wrangler Jeans while fishing, camping, playing football, and riding motorcycles. Nascar driver, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and football star, Brett Favre will also be featured in the commercial, but they did not come to film any of their scenes at Merrie-Woode. Start watching Wrangler commercials soon to see if you recognize any familiar locations around camp!

Around Camp 2011



Captain Rainbow's August Session dance party



Donna Nash, new Horsemaster Laura Shelby Dameron, and Sarah Chatel



Lindsay Hostetler with the King's Players of 2011, Anna Hamilton, Sarah Grubbe, and Katherine Stine, on the evening of the Directing Showcase



The new Captains of 2011!



June Session Tumbling Class



The new group of Would-Bes

Merrie-Woode Board Begins Strategic Planning Project

Following a successful preliminary strategic planning exercise led by Merrie-Woode parent Lisa Grider in April 2011, the Merrie-Woode board has named trustees Wynn Gregory Dorsett and Steve Straske as co-chairs of the upcoming CMW strategic planning project. The goal of this effort is to develop a strategic roadmap for Merrie-Woode for the next five years.

The strategic plan is expected to focus on seven important elements that are critical to the continued success of Camp Merrie-Woode -- enrollment, traditions, programming, land & facilities, staff & leadership, financial resources, and technology. A current board trustee will lead a small team (including current and former trustees, key camp staff personnel, and other committed camp supporters) to explore each of these topics and develop a set of strategic goals, along with tactical and measurable objectives, to guide the directors, board and staff during the camp summers of 2013-2017.

Fundamental to this effort is the understanding that the objectives of our strategic plan will be fully consistent with Merrie-Woode's mission:

Merrie-Woode is a sanctuary of rarest beauty which inspires a lasting awareness of God's presence. The mission of Camp Merrie-Woode is to use that setting to nurture the physical, intellectual and spiritual growth of girls and young women through traditional camp activities and outdoor adventures. In this friendly, non-competitive community of simplified living, each individual is valued for who she is and who she will become.

The specific and tactical recommendations to be adopted in the strategic plan will facilitate the achievement of Merrie-Woode's vision:

To be the premier camp in America for girls and young women by providing the nurturing setting for each girl to discover and achieve her own excellence.

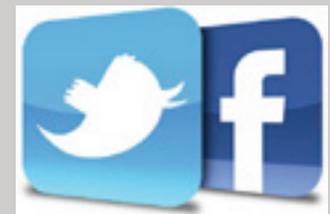
Board chair Liz Irwin remarked, "I am looking forward to the strategic planning effort. Much in the same way that the master facilities plan has guided our approach to land management over the last few years, the strategic plan will provide clear, mission-consistent direction for the camp as we approach the camp's centennial celebration in 2018."

Merrie-Woode is on Facebook and Twitter!

Are you following Merrie-Woode on Facebook and Twitter? Come find us! Facebook and Twitter are the perfect ways to keep up with what is going on at camp during the off-season. We post updates, photos, video clips, and fun links all year long. Our Facebook wall may be the perfect place to find old camp friends you have lost touch with over the years. You never know what kind of fun you'll find! Join the conversation and start following us on Facebook and Twitter today!

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A Merrie-Woode Autumn

Have You Considered A Planned Gift?

Consider one of the simplest and most rewarding gifts you can make to Camp Merrie-Woode: a bequest in your will or other estate plans. Many of us want to provide generously for the organizations we cherish, in addition to our loved ones. A bequest of any size in your estate plans can shape the future of Merrie-Woode and ensure its vitality for generations to come.

A bequest can be “specific,” for a particular dollar amount, or “residual,” for a percentage of your estate, after other obligations have been met. Bequests also differ in terms of how they may be used. An “unrestricted” bequest may be used for any purpose of the camp operation, and “restricted” is limited in scope, meaning you can decide how the money is spent.

“It is because there is a kindred spirit in you that you have recognized what Merrie-Woode stands for. God gave us a place of rarest beauty and since I first beheld it, I have tried to match his gift as best I could, with permeating love and honesty. It is a composite thing made up of all those who through the years have loved it and given it their best.”

-Dammie Day

If you have made a planned gift to the Merrie-Woode Foundation, or would like more information about becoming a **Kindred Spirit**, please contact Denice Dunn at 828-743-3300 or denice@merriewoode.com.

We’ve Lost These Alumnae!

We are looking for any current contact information or news for the following lost alumnae. Please call the camp office or email Lindsay Hostetler at lindsay@merriewoode.com if you have any updates!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years at Merrie-Woode</u>
Ann Hopkins	1962 – 1965
Lang King	1962 – 1964
Gail Linder	1962 – 1965
Pam Lund	1962 - 1966
Cackie Miller	1962 – 1968
Chesney Guyon	1962 – 1965
Lynn Russell Cohen	1962 – 1967
Suzie Hanson Deal	1962 – 1967

Lane Winn	1963 – 1966
Bevelle White Puffer	1964 – 1969
Ann MacDougald Ratthaus	1964 – 1969
April Spiner	1964 – 1968
Emily Felker	1964 – 1968
Sarah Cross	1965 – 1970
Allyson Everingham Sheckler	1965 – 1970
Lucy Loughlin Jarett	1967 – 1971
Missy Rose	1968 – 1972
Mary Drake Patterson	1969 – 1973
Michelle Iovinelli	1970 – 1974
Quincy Wells Loss	1970 – 1974
Joanne Godfrey	1970 – 1976
Cathy Casey	1970 – 1976
Cay Critz	1970 – 1974

Maddie Marion: Camp's New Intern

Maddie Marion will be working in camp's main office this year in an internship position, helping Merrie-Woode prepare for the summer of 2012. Many of you know Maddie in camp as a long time Riding Staff member. Maddie started her counselor summers in 2008 and has not missed a summer since. This past summer Maddie took on the role of Merrie-Woode's Riding Director and was a huge asset to camp's riding program. She is a recent graduate of Hollins University, where she earned a degree in Sociology with a concentration in Social Work and Social Policy. We are thrilled to have Maddie on staff with us as her role at camp expands.



Camp Nurses soon to be on "Cloud Nine"

After nearly two years of consideration and involvement from our nurses, Cloud Nine (camp's infirmary) will receive a much needed update this winter. A plan to address the requests of our nurses, doctors, and most importantly the needs of our campers was reviewed by the Board at the fall Board of Trustees meeting.

While the layout is still in the preliminary stage, the plan is to address the needs and improve upon the design and functionality of the infirmary. The initial design includes more private camper screening areas and an office area

for research, files, and medication storage. There will be a couple of bedrooms for short camper stays, if needed. The design also incorporates an improved kitchen and waiting area.

While our nurses stay busy at camp, they will be happy to take a break in their newly designed living quarters. This will include a nurses' sitting area, porch, private bedrooms, and improved bathrooms. We look forward to starting this project in late November and we're sure the nurses will be on "Cloud Nine" when they arrive next summer!

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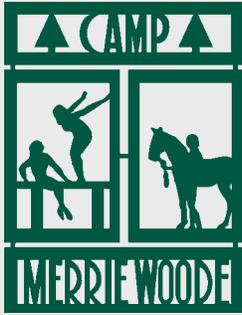
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Coming Soon: The Stock Shop On-line!

Big news! The Merrie-Woode Stock Shop will be taking orders on-line this fall! Your favorite Merrie-Woode items will be available in time for holiday shopping. Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your Merrie-Woode girl? Visit the new on-line Stock Shop to find CMW apparel, CDs, water bottles, coffee mugs, jewelry, and much more. The Stock Shop is currently in the process of making its big move on-line, but keep an eye on our web site, www.merriewoode.com, to find a link this fall!

