



High Rocks

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Things have quieted down considerably here at High Rocks. After a very busy fall with various school groups and rental groups the cabins are closed up for the winter. We have had a busy couple of months on the road and have gotten to see a lot of campers on our tour.

Chad and Perry made a trip together visiting families in Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee while Don and Zoob headed to the coast of the Carolinas. Don made his first trip to Myrtle Beach. Hank, Townsend, Don and Zoob then headed to Florida for a week of showings and a little time on the beach. Chad made a trip to Virginia and the Washinton D.C. area. Hank and Townsend finished up the traveling with their last trip to Alabama and Louisiana.

It was great to see everyone while we were on the road. It is so exciting to catch up with campers and to meet new campers. All of our showings went very well thanks to the help from all of our great representatives!

During November the whole gang traveled to Lake Tahoe, Nevada for the Association for Experiential Education's International Conference. It was a great chance to get some new ideas from different programs similar to ours at camp. Lake Tahoe was a beautiful place for the conference and we were lucky enough to get their first snow while we were out there.

Jim has been busy trying to keep up with the leaves, working on the tower and painting the floor of the dinning hall to name a few of the many projects he has been working on.

As we find ourselves out of the cars for a while and back in the office there comes a change in our direction. We are beginning to concentrate on lining up staff for next summer. Don has been busy recently putting together the outdoor educators training workshops that High Rocks hosts in May every year. Townsend has been extremely busy with registration since the sessions are very close to full.

Salem is anxiously awaiting the return of 130 campers to pet and play with him. We are all looking toward the new year with excitement and anticipation for another great summer at camp.

Camper News



We have enjoyed visiting with many of you in the last couple of months when we were on the road. We want to thank everyone who came to the showings this fall. It is great to have old and new campers together to get excited for the summer of 1999. We are also excited about those of you who have used the new message board on the website to contact other campers and to keep in touch.

Skip Tabb has become a regular on the message board. He has been mainly hanging out and playing sports. His cross country team went to the regionals which he said was pretty cool! He

says he can't wait for camp to start again. Logan Gertner has been busy in Gainesville, FL with school, soccer, playing the violin in the youth orchestra, and with Boy Scouts.

John Carr has been playing roller hockey this past fall. In one of his games he scored 3 of the 5 goals of the game. It is reported that while watching Wayne Gretzky, the hockey star, he sweats and screams.

We are looking forward to hearing from more of you in the coming months. Give us a call, send us a letter, email or get on the message board we would love to know what everyone is up to.



Staff News

David MacLean- David is currently living in Raleigh. He stopped through to help us out this fall and is now seeking employment. Lee Eudy has just finished up his last semester of school at ASU.

Congratulations Lee! Good luck with your future plans. Gary Thompson is staying very busy during his last year at Brevard College.

Chad Echols has been working on an internship in South Carolina and has also been helping out his local congressman with his political campaign. Perry Johnson is currently in Virginia and has plans to work for the state legislature after the first of the year.

Allen Todd began teaching history this fall at Episcopal School in Jacksonville, FL. He says it's been a lot of work, but he enjoys it. Jo Lynn Park is currently living in Brevard picking up different jobs here and there. She helped out several times this fall and is still unsure of what her plans are for the future.

Brad Carter worked through the fall and is now working in Knoxville until the Spring when he heads out on the road to climb once again. Daniel Sawrie after working at High Rocks for several weeks in the fall is now living in Chattanooga and working as a runner for a law firm.

Chris Curtin and Travis Herbert are doing well. Both of them have been putting in a lot of time in school as well as work. They are both involved with outdoor and community programs in Boone, NC. Chris' shoulder is doing much better and he says he is ready to climb.

Franklin Sames ('94-'96)- Franklin is still alive! He just got back to the states after a month or so visit to Australia. Frank still lives in Jackson, WY and may be visiting at a town near you.

Katie Crawford has been busy this semester at Clemson. She is planning a trip to Nova Scotia to visit with Jillian, Darin and Tim over the winter break.

Message Board

We wanted to remind you that there is a new way to keep up with friends from camp on the internet. High Rocks now has its own message board for campers. In order to get on the message board go to the High Rocks home page at www.highrocks.com and scroll down to the bottom. Then click on camper message board. In order to get into the message board you must put in the user name and the password. Once you are on the board there are instructions on how to post a message and reply to current messages. Those that have already been on have been very excited about getting more people to post messages.

We are continuing to add pictures to our web site and updating things. Email us with anything that you would like to see added to the web page or any ideas about improvements to camp



Presents for Friends and Family

High Rocks Fleece's make great presents for both children and adults. We have a limited quantity of fleece jackets with the High Rocks emblem to offer this holiday season. We have children's sizes in red and adult sizes in red and blue, fleece jackets run large. If you are interested, the fleeces will be sold for \$50 (which includes the price for shipping and tax.) Give us a call at (828) 885-2153 to place an order or to inquire on sizes.

Registration

If you have not registered for the summer of 1999 be sure to get your applications in fast. The June Session is full, the July Session only has a few open spots in selected age groups, and the August Session has only a couple of spots left. Registration is ahead of schedule again this year so be sure to give us a call to find out what is still available or if you have any questions.



Two Week campers tube the Davidson River

The New Year

It is hard to believe that 1999 is just right around the corner. We will all be traveling to various colleges to meet new staff members and visit with old staff members. Hank and Townsend are going to the American Camping Association's Tri-State conference in New York to exchange ideas with other camp directors. All of these events are in preparation for the summer of 1999.

Food for Thought

Two roads diverge in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler; long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay,
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Some where ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Scholarships

We are currently working on establishing a scholarship fund for campers that may need some financial assistance. We are in the process of setting up the fund and will keep you informed of how it will work. If you are interested in making a donation look for more information in the next newsletter.



Just for Fun

A First Grade teacher collected old, well known proverbs. She gave each kid in her class the first half of a proverb and had them come up with the rest:

Better be safe than... Punch a Fifth Grader.	The pen is mightier than the... Pig.	Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and... You have to blow your nose.
It's always darkest before... Daylight Savings Time.	Where there's smoke, there's... Pollution.	A miss is as good as a... Mr.
You can lead a horse to water, but... How?	Happy is the bride who... Gets all the presents.	Children should be seen and not... Spanked or grounded.
You can't teach an old dog new... Math.	Two's company, three... Muskateers.	You get out of something what you... See pictured on the box.
If you lie down with the dogs, you... Stink in the morning.	Don't put off tomorrow what... You put on to go to bed.	When the blind leadeth the blind... Get out of the way!
	A penny saved is... Not much.	



Wishing you all the best
during this holiday season and upcoming New Year...

Happy Holidays
from all of us at
Camp High Rocks

Hank, Townsend, Mark and Benjamin Birdsong
Jim Fox, Chad Harding, Don Gentle, and Zoob Griffith