



High Rocks

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Around the Rocks

Happy Holidays from all of us here at Camp! We have all landed back here at camp after a busy travel schedule this fall. Travis and Don visited families in Virginia and eastern North Carolina on the last recruiting trip of the season. We would like to thank everyone who came to the showings, and especially those families that hosted High Rocks showings. We had a great time meeting a lot of future High Rocks campers.

Hank and Townsend recently spent several days in Disney World with Mark and Benjamin. They had a great time doing the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and the Animal Kingdom. During Thanksgiving there was quite a group up here at camp. Between friends and family there were close to 30 people here to share the big turkey dinner, and the many meals that would follow.

Camp is looking very different these days with all of the leaves down and with a large population of geese and ducks who have made the lake home for the winter.

Hank and Townsend have been working with their architect and expect to break ground on their new house in the spring. Hank and

Townsend are going to build their house in the ridge pasture out past the barn. Mark and Benjamin are very excited to help design their own rooms.

We are busy working on lining up staff for next summer. During the next couple of months we will be



I am a Polar Bear... I am a Polar Bear... I am a Polar Bear

Campers Lee Lovett, James Midgett David Johnson, Anthony Dennis, Jamie King and counselor Tim Carter join the High Rocks Polar Bear Club.

traveling to colleges and universities to visit with staff and meet and interview future counselors.

Camper News

We had a great time getting to catch up with a lot of campers during our travels this fall. It is always fun to find out what campers have been up to since they left camp. One thing that we did learn during our visits is just how big Poké-mon has become!

Clay Shepherd has been busy with his boy scout troop in Bradenton, FL. He recently went on his first camp out with his troop.

Russell, Wade, and Jeff Skinner have all taken a special interest in football with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Lawson Yow has recently purchased a kayak with his saved allowance. He has since taken his boat to paddle on the Nantahala River.

Matt and Bryan Baker are enjoying life in their new house in Vero Beach, FL. They live on the river and have a couple of dolphins that come to visit. Skip Tabb has been busy once again on the camper bulletin board. He has put a link to his own web site which has links to a bunch of different games. Skip would like to see more campers use the message board.

It is great to hear what you all are up to. If you get a chance let us hear from you and you can be in the next newsletter.

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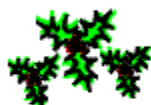
Food for Thought

"The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes



Staff News



We enjoyed visiting with many of the staff that are around the area this past weekend for a holiday get together here at camp. It was great to see everyone and we appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules with work and finals.

Joe Rivers is working in Chapel Hill currently but has plans to head to Virginia Beach in January. He is still paddling as much as he can and hopes to spend more time in this part of North Carolina. John Rippey has been busy with school in Chattanooga and finding time to

paddle on the side. He went for his first trip down the Chatoga on Saturday with Joe and Don.

Katie Crawford is doing well. She has been busy with school and responding to messages on the staff bulletin board. Katie is very excited about her upcoming trip to Alaska in the spring. Skippy (aka Ryan Gaunt) has completed his immersion semester at Brevard College. He spent several weeks out on a trip that the students in the outdoor leadership program planned. It was a bit chilly at times but a very successful trip.

Deborah Weldon has been teaching at Pisgah Forest

Elementary School in Brevard. She is graduating in a couple of weeks and has taken a teaching job in Pollocksville, NC. She is very excited that she will be fifteen minutes from the beach.

Elise Kafsky is working in Murphy, NC with a program that works with at risk kids. Elise is living on Lake Rabun with her chocolate lab puppy Chunk. Katie Hornowski is going to study in Kenya next semester. She is getting ready for her big journey.

Aaron Power has been working for the children's home in Brevard and is working on sketches for an advertising firm in Atlanta.



High Rocks Campers Daniel Conner and Brandon Rich canoe down the Nantahala River in the Camp Cup Race.



Holiday Recipe

Hot Apple Cider



Ingredients:

- 8 cups Apple juice
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 2 Cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp. whole all spice
- 1 tsp. whole cloves

Combine all of the ingredients into a large saucepan or a crockpot. Bring the contents to a boil and continue to simmer for at least 10 minutes. If you wish you can leave the mixture over a low heat to keep it warm and it will add a holiday smell to your house. When serving avoid the spices. This recipe makes 8 (8 oz.) servings.



Presents for Friends and Family

High Rocks sweatshirts, fleece vests and jackets make great presents for both children and adults. We have children's sizes in red and adult sizes in red and blue, to offer this holiday season (fleece jackets run large). If you are interested, check out our website at www.highrocks.com and click on **camp store** for pictures and sizes, or give us a call at (828) 885-2153 to place an order.



Three Week campers head out for a hike
Franklin Kalmbach, Jack Hinson, Trey Fonde,
Stewart Boss, Gibson Hoyt, Evan Garcia, Street
Jones, Gabriel Bartholdi, and Counselors Mike
Williams, and Grant Irons

Staff News, cont'd

Sumner McCallie has just been named the Dean of Residential Life at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN. He is going to be singing with the McCallie ensemble at Carnegie Hall in March.

Mike Williams has been climbing every chance that he gets. Mike was also involved on the trip planned and experienced by the Brevard College outdoor leadership school.

Registration Update

We are very excited about the summer of 2000 here at Camp High Rocks. Registration has been ahead of past years and we are excited about all the returning campers as well as our new High Rocks Campers. There are a couple of spots open for certain age groups but for the most part we are working off waiting lists at this point. If you have any questions about registration please feel free to email or call.

New Millennium

The summer of 2000 will be a very exciting summer as we enter the new millennium. All of the cabins, gym, craft shop, swim dock, dining hall and the barn are Y2K compliant (simply because there are no computers) so we do not anticipate any problems with the new year. All jokes aside we would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. Health and happiness to you all in the new millennium!



Just for Fun

Wordles - Figure out as many of the word puzzles as you can listed below.

1. SIDE SIDE

2. YOUR PaAnNtTs

3. N NME NME NME N
M SURROUNDED M
E NME NME NME E

4. NOON LAZY

5. ONE
ONE

6. MCE
MCE
MCE

7. NAFISH
NAFISH

8. ON
THOUGHT - THOUGHT

9. R
ROAD
A
D

10. DICE
DICE

11. CYCLE
CYCLE
CYCLE



12. LEAN
REVO

13. _____ IT

14. BAN ANA

Answer Key

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Side by side | 8. On second thought |
| 2. Ants in your pants | 9. Cross road |
| 3. Surrounded by enemies | 10. Paradise |
| 4. Lazy afternoon | 11. Tricycle |
| 5. One on One | 12. Lean over backwards |
| 6. Three blind mice | 13. Blanket |
| 7. Tuna fish | 14. Banana split |



Happy Holidays

From all of us here at
Camp High Rocks

Hank, Townsend, Mark, and
Benjamin Birdsong,
Don Gentle, Jim Fox, Travis
Herbert, Chris Curtin,
and Zoob Griffith