



High Rocks Turns FIFTY!

Hopefully, many of you received last spring's alumni newsletter with Townsend's piece, "Through the Years." It was an incredible storyline of the history of camp and her father's vision of camp back in the late 1950's. A lot has changed since then, but much of it remains the same. Now it is time to celebrate that history. Our "fifty years" alumni reunion is scheduled for September 15th, 2007. Along with the long and rich history of Jane and Sumner's tenure, this will be the first gathering of folks for the more recent "Hank and Townsend Days." Hank and Townsend have been running camp for *twenty years!!!* It's hard to believe! So come help us celebrate, visit, share old stories, and just have fun! See inside for more information regarding this celebration!



Father-Son Weekend May 2007

High Rocks had planned it's first ever Father and Son weekend. The dates were May 4-6, 2007. **This event was open to all prospective, first-year, and returning High Rocks campers.** Activities included biking, climbing, hiking, canoeing, and many other camp favorites. We have had great response for this event with over 30 families signed-up for the weekend. The weather worked out alright and the dad's and sons had a blast. Be on the lookout for next spring. We will be doing it again!!!

New Assistant Director Woody Noland

We would like to introduce all of you to our newest Assistant Director. Well, we all know him, but now we know him in a different role. Woody Noland has been a part of camp for most of his life. He is a nephew of Hank and Townsend, making him the third generation to work at High Rocks in a



leadership role. Woody graduated from William and Mary with a degree in History. He has been working seasonally for the last few years, and has finally accepted Townsend's request to come on full time.

Along with his numerous camper and staff experiences, Woody brings his dashing good looks and overall calming effect to the whole team. He will be assisting with the LEAP school group programs and summer staffing. His role will develop as the year progresses, but mostly we are just excited that he is here!

Campership Fund is Thriving

Just a reminder that we are still building our campership fund and are hoping to have enough to grant a scholarship for the summer of 2008. This scholarship fund enables children to attend camp that would not otherwise be able to do so. It was created in memory of camp founder Sumner M. Williams. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check to:

**Community Foundation of
Western North Carolina
PO Box 1888, Asheville, NC 28802**

Please write "Camp High Rocks Campership Fund" in the memo field of your check.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Campership Fund! Belwo is a list of recent contributors:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dana Beach
Ms. Charlotte Cameron
Mr. John T. Warmath, III
Mr. Lee Eudy
Mr. John P. Kendall

The Regatta -Where did it all begin?

The summer of 1979 provided a great challenge for counselors to provide water activities when the dam underwent major renovations that year and left camp without the lake for the summer. Campers were carried over to nearby Stone's Lake/ Thunder Lake to canoe, swim, and sail. There was only a stream that ran through the lake bed that summer. Necessity is often the mother of invention and that summer the first annual Regatta was born. The regatta continues to be a highlight for campers on the last day of camp. There are now two components to race with whitewater and sailing categories. The whitewater portion is now held below the spillway to the lake and in recent years the big highlight has been when a watermelon was launched from the top of the spillway. This summer will mark the 29th year of the Camp High Rocks Regatta!

On The Web

High Rocks Website

Visit the High Rocks website. All your forms, dates, needs and information are there for you. We now even have the "Camp Video" on the website. That's right, if you know someone interested in camp, send them to the site and they can download the video right away. Throughout the year we have staff updates, availability, and news blogs. So visit often and keep up on what's happening at The Rocks.

Facebook!!! High Rocks has two different Facebook groups on the web. We have one for staff and another



for campers and staff. Search for us on Facebook Groups. You will need to request membership to the group. When we confirm it, you can see what other members of the group are doing during the year. The High Rocks Facebook is designed for new and past campers. Only people related to High Rocks will be able to join. Facebook is a great way for campers and staff to keep up with each other.. If you Facebook, check us out...

Fifty Years Alumni Celebration

September 14-16, 2007

Registration Information

Schedule:

Friday: Dinner at 6:00pm and gathering time around camp, other details to follow

Saturday:

8:30am Breakfast followed by assembly and announcements
 9:30 Morning Activities: High Ropes, Dupont Hike, Rich Mountain Hike, Climbing Tower, Canoeing on the Lake w/ some instruction, other opportunities to come.
 11:30 Activity Rotation Continues
 Pictures and Presentations in the Dining Hall
 Waterslide (opens at 12:00pm)
 1:00pm Lunch followed by Announcements
 2:00 High Rocks Presentation in the Dining Hall
 3:00 Afternoon Activity Rotation: High Ropes, Dupont Hike, Rich Mountain Hike, Climbing Tower, Canoeing on the Lake w/ some instruction, other opportunities to come...
 5:00 Freetime: Staff at Waterfront and water slide
 Organized game on the soccer field (ultimate, soccer, other)
 6:00pm Dinner
 7:30 Square Dance in the Gym
 9:00 Campfire, songs, story

Sunday

8:30am Breakfast
 9:30 Wrap up or stick around for the afternoon

Details

There is no charge for the weekend. All the meals, housing, and activities are on us. However, due to the large number we are expecting, we are offering housing for adults only by gender. Families are welcome to join us for meals and other daytime events, especially Saturday.

Housing

Again, housing is available for **adults only**. We will try to place folks in similar aged cabins. You can make cabin requests, if you like. Please remember that you will be housed by gender and there are about 6 beds in each cabin. Please plan on bringing your own linens, toiletries, etc.

Lodging in the Area

September is a great time to stay in Brevard. Even though it is after Labor Day, there are a few weddings and other private events in Brevard this same weekend, so try to book as soon as you can. Visit the parents' guide section of our website for a complete list of lodging opportunities in the area.

What to Bring:

- Linens, toiletries, sleeping bag or blanket, and a pillow.
- Appropriate Clothing for all sorts of weather
- Pictures, letters, etc. from the past
- Camera, camp chair, sunglasses, guitar
- A great Attitude!!!

Registration Form (please detach and send this information)

Family Name _____ First Name (Parents' Name) _____

Children Attending
 (ages) _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Year's attended: _____ Original City: _____

Meals (Please fill in how many will be attending each meal):

___ attending for Friday Dinner
 ___ attending Saturday Breakfast ___ Saturday Lunch ___ Saturday Dinner
 ___ attending Sunday Breakfast

Overnight Stay at Camp (adults only, see information above): ___ # on Friday Night ___ # on Saturday Night

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Where Are They Now?

Allen Todd and Perry Johnson, met and worked at High Rocks for several years. Allen (1996-1998) worked in the hiking and backpacking activity while Perry (1995-1998) was a horseback riding instructor. Allen and Perry Todd were married in 2002 and are now living in Jacksonville, Florida. On September 5, 2006, their daughter Harriet Mendoza, "Hattie," was born. (We just adore her and she has her daddy beside himself.) Allen is teaching History and heading the boys crew program at Episcopal High School. Perry is a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch.

They welcome visitors to the sunshine state any time!



Session availability

We currently have a few spaces available in the first three week session and the last two week session. Enrollment in the four week session has been very strong with 118 returning campers.