



Kamp Key

Fall 2009

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It is October 2nd as I begin writing to you. The sun is setting a bit earlier, the days have been much cooler, and the leaves on the trees are turning. We have brilliant red leaves showing up on the maples and the sourwoods. Fall is definitely here and winter is just around the corner. We had heavy rains in late September, and although we did not get quite as much rain as the Atlanta area, we weren't sure we were going to see the sun ever again! So much rain fell that we had a 75 foot wide waterfall over the top of the deck at the swimming lake and the canoeing lake rose to the level of the canoe racks. This was quite a sight after three summers of extremely dry weather.

Although camp is now quiet, the office has been hopping! What a busy week we have had as the Early Registration Deadline came on October 1st. We have piles of applications to go through, and we could not be more excited! 2010 is already shaping up to be a fabulous summer. If you have not already enrolled, we hope to hear from you soon. Spaces are going more rapidly than we expected. We will look forward to seeing many of you as we travel with the Keystone Road Show through this school year.

We welcomed two new staffers in late July: Kyla Basher is our new Program Director and Megan Kinsler is the new Office Manager. Kyla replaces Meredith Hardin who moved to the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area when her husband received a new job. Ironically, Kyla moved to Brevard from Chapel Hill. Megan is sitting in Gallagher's seat, but her duties will be more office focused. Gallagher is now out in Portland, Oregon, working hard in law school. We miss Meredith and Gallagher, but we are so excited by our new team. Both Kyla and Megan have news for you inside.

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There is much to do around camp this winter. The ropes course is already packed away. The waterfront equipment has been stored, and the waterslide was folded up this morning. There isn't one huge project like our Dining Hall renovation of last year, but we have quite a long list of smaller projects for the year. We'll keep you posted as we cross items off the "to-do" list.

Again, we are so excited about all of you who have signed up to return. We hope to hear from those of you not yet enrolled. Session spaces are going quickly.



Deb's Dish

Greetings Everyone!

It is hard to believe that summer camp 2009 has already come and gone! I sure believe it though, camp is so quiet and the leaves are already beginning to change! This past summer was full of fun times and happy hearts and that is what keeps us motivated as we move forward to 2010.

To every end there is a beginning. Now that summer is over we are accepting enrollment for next summer. As of August 10th we have been on-line with our 2010 dates, rates and application. Please remember that registration is on a first come first serve basis. Several of the sessions are filling up and we want you to secure your first choice in session dates. Please don't delay your enrollment.

It's that time of year again. I am scheduling home presentations for the next five months. The cities and families that I am planning to visit are below. If you don't see your home town listed please contact me if you would like to host a presentation. I wouldn't want to miss out on the opportunity to visit with a Keystone family or to share information about Keystone with a prospective family. Hope to see you when we are on the road!

Alabama: Mobile, Birmingham

Florida: Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Lakeland,

Longwood, Lutz, Myers, Miami, Orlando, Rosemary Beach, Sarasota, Satellite Beach, Tallahassee,

Georgia: Atlanta, St. Simon's Island, Thomasville

Illinois: Chicago, Morton Grove,

Kentucky: Lexington

Louisiana: New Orleans

New York: Manhattan

North Carolina: Chapel Hill, Charlotte, High Point, Moorehead, Raleigh

Rhode Island

South Carolina: Bluffton, Charleston, Columbia, Sumter, Laurens

Tennessee: Memphis, Nashville,


Virginia: Vienna, D.C.


"The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness."

John Muir

We are doing our best to spread the news about Keystone Camp and we need your help. If you have someone in mind that might be interested in camp, please share your Keystone experience with them. Tell us who they are and we will send them some information. In addition to home presentations and word of mouth, the internet has been a powerful marketing tool for us. In our efforts to save time and money we have consistently been using the internet to communicate with you via our website and Email. Please keep an eye on our website for updates and for Email Notifications. We appreciate you and are thrilled that you have chosen Keystone for your summer camp experience.

Partnering With Parents

 To all of our families up in the Chicago, Illinois area, United Airlines is in the process of starting a new direct flight to Asheville, North Carolina. Check their website frequently at www.united.com.

 To all of the parents and family members planning on staying around the area this summer, there is a new website www.visitwaterfalls.com that has just about everything that Brevard/Transylvania County has to offer. It includes restaurants, outdoor activities, arts and culture, places to stay, and much more!

Kyla's Kindling

So much to say and so little space to type it in! As many of you already know, I am excited and thrilled to be here as the new Program Director for Keystone Camp. In these past weeks I have met many staff, campers, and parents and have settled nicely into the Brevard area. It has been a whirlwind start to this new adventure, but I found coming to Keystone was a lot like coming home. Life here is off to a wonderful beginning as I eagerly await the turn of seasons and the return of summer in 2010!

Although not a North Carolina native, I have spent the previous three years making NC my home. A 2007 graduate of Ithaca College in New York, I moved to the coast following my graduation and began my tour of east to west starting with Cape Lookout National Seashore, working as the Assistant Horse Biologist and as a local Kayak Guide. A year later I moved to Chapel Hill working for the University of North Carolina's Outdoor Education Center and for Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation. Through work I met a former Keystone Camper and Staff Member who offered her encouragement towards considering Keystone Camp for my next, more permanent move.

Megan's Message

Greetings from one of the new bees!

It's Megan, the new office manager at Keystone, and let me start off by saying that I am so excited to be here! I am originally from Saint Petersburg, Florida, but moved to Brevard, North Carolina after graduating from Brevard College with a music degree. I absolutely love the camp atmosphere and I am so thrilled to be a new member of the Keystone family.

I can't believe the leaves are already starting to change colors and after weeks of rain we have had the most beautiful weather. It has continued to stay pretty quiet without all of you livening up the place, but I have managed to stay super busy with enrollment. We are so excited

Keystone and my own Camp in Lakeside, Connecticut share inspiring similarities through their history and mission, providing a fun and nurturing environment with room for children to grow "spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically." Through this mission I am inspired to be back at camp in such a new capacity. Now as the leaves are turning bright reds and oranges, and as the air passes cool through the mountains-I am filled with enthusiasm and good hope for the coming seasons. I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you soon!

Kyla



about how many of you took advantage of the early registration discount. All of you who missed out make sure you take advantage of the discount next year! Those of you who still need to apply, I recommend doing it soon to secure your spot. If you go to our website, click on "Apply Here!", and fill out your application online. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to call me or send an email to office@keystonecamp.com. Make sure to check out page three to see all of your friends who are already enrolled for the 2010 season.

I can't wait to meet all of you!

Megan



Barn Banter

The breezes are blowing and the leaves are falling here at the barn. We had a great summer, and cannot believe fall is already upon us. The lesson program is in full swing, but not without a wet start. Over the last few weeks, the rain has kept us from riding as much as we would like. But for now, the sun is shining and we hope to get in as much riding as possible. Show season is under way for our after school program. Those hoping to go to a few this Fall, are working hard on their horsemanship and riding skills. Stay posted to our newsletter to hear about all their accomplishments. Until then, we will see you out there!!

Jessica



KC Scramble

Find the different color letters and unscramble them to make a Keystone Camp word or phrase.

Hint: When do points matter most?



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