



Waldemar Roundup

Fall 2005

2006 End-of-Camp Schedule Still Under Review

2005 marked a change to our traditional end-of-camp festivities. Instead of concluding with our Final Awards Program on Sunday after a day and a half of activities, we finished our term at the close of Field Day on Saturday. After running through the new schedule 1st term, we made additional changes for 2nd term which allowed for having the Family Picnic at noon and a brief rest hour before Pier Events, War Canoe, a short break and the Final Program. It was an activity-rich day, but one the girls enjoyed!

Now that the summer is behind us, we have reflected upon the changes, sought feedback from campers, their parents, and our staff members and have gathered the following feedback regarding the end-of-camp activities in 2006.

All camp families were polled in their invitations to see what type of end-of-camp program they prefer. Of the staff and families polled, 324 returned their surveys with the following results:

- 78% voted to continue with a closing like 2005
- 2% voted to condense it even shorter to a two-hour Final Program only or keep it like 2005
- 10% voted to return to the previous three-day camp closing schedule
- 2% voted to return to the previous three-day camp closing schedule or just keep it like 2005
- 10% voted to have a two-hour closing ending with the Final Program Sunday morning

Many, many thanks to all of those who have shared your thoughts. We appreciate all of the ideas. Based on your feedback, we will continue to confer and discuss with our summer staffers during our annual counselor reunion in January and will then finalize the 2006 closing schedule.

2005 Camp Highlights

SHORT TERM

Best Kampong Race Winners
Jackrabbit Division – Bella Vista 2
Coyote Division – K9

Shining Stars

2nd Grade – Laurel Fitzgerald from Hunt, TX;
Channing Fatjo from Houston, TX
3rd Grade – Lucy Shanker from Chicago, IL
4th Grade – Sarah Ennis from Dennison, TX
5th Grade – Claire Courtney from Knoxville, TN
Best Counselors: Hannah Lewis, Cindy Scroggins

FIRST TERM

Ideal Waldemar Girl: Elizabeth Clark
Best All Arounds: (A) Caley Yeary, (C) Lauren Munro,
and (T) Lauren Marsh

Shannon Harber Best Counselors:
(New) Courtney Brewer and Kasey Scholl
(Returning) Berkley Scroggins

The Tejas won the plaque!

SECOND TERM

Ideal Waldemar Girl: Allie Riggins
Best All Arounds: (A) Tany Jeter, (C) Staley Rice,
and (T) Katie Wooldridge

Shannon Harber Best Counselors:
(New) Honnah Adams, (Returning) Devin Kopp

The Aztecs won the plaque!

2006 Camp Dates

Short Term: May 24 - May 30

First Term: June 2 - July 1

Second Term: July 7 - August 5

Letter from the Director:

Families Find Support During Times of Crisis Through Waldemar Network

Since camp ended in August, we have seen unprecedented tragedy, destruction and desolation to the Gulf Coast. Many of our camp families have been faced with the difficulties of having to leave their homes, friends, and community to relocate somewhere else indefinitely. Yet through this heart-ache, the Waldemar connection has been a help to those in need.

We received an email shortly after evacuees left New Orleans from a former camper who had been moved to Houston. She initially went to Monroe, LA, where she saw a familiar camp friend who helped her find medical attention for her daughter. Then upon her arrival in Houston, she saw another familiar face, a camp friend who helped her get new clothes.

Closer to home, our own Teak Elmore spent a week in Mississippi helping with rebuilding efforts from the destruction of Katrina. Two weeks later, Rita forced another evacuation and some Waldemar families evacuated to camp. We spent the weekend together anxiously watching the news. Thankfully, all of the Waldemar families we have heard from have not suffered irreparable damage and their families are safe.

Through this experience, we found Waldemar to be a good resource for families and are now looking into ways we can be of further assistance to those Waldemar families in need. It may take the form of a website bulletin board, a place of refuge, or simply a resource for reaching out to other families; we will keep you posted on what we develop. In the meantime, may God bless you all!

With warmest regards,



Waldemar E-Camp Site Beats National Averages with
Photos/News Offered

For the past three summers, Waldemar has offered a way to stay in touch with up-to-the minute happenings at camp for parents and loved ones through our e-camp web site. Here we post daily news and accomplishments and well as numerous pictures of daily camp life.

Through our efforts, we have set quite a precedent when compared to other camps using the e-camp service. In 2005, Waldemar had nearly 11,000 user accounts on e-camp, 792 parent accounts and 10,069 guest accounts. This is the equivalent of 12.7 invitees per parent; the national average is 1.82 invitees per parent.

In 2005, we uploaded 12,045 photos compared to 4,258 nationally; posted 263 news articles compared to 81 nationally; and processed 12,045 emails sent to campers compared to 4,258 nationally.

If you haven't logged onto e-camp during the summer, you are missing out!

Thanks to all of Waldemar's regional reps who joined us during Women's Week! We discussed many issues, ranging from enrollment and changes in 2005 to ideas and improvements for 2006 on recruiting parties, marketing to grandmothers of Waldemar girls, and ways to educate our newer families on earning all-stars and abiding by the Honor Code. What a productive way to jump start our 2006 camping season! Thanks to all!

Design Ranch 2006 Conference Returns to Waldemar

In 2005, AIGA, the American Institute of Graphic Arts Austin Chapter held Design Ranch '05 at Waldemar, and the group recently booked again for the 2006 event. During this three-day, hands-on conference the group challenges each other to shuck the computers, the PDAs and the cell phones in order to unleash their creative spirits. It includes workshops and presentations along with live music and entertainment. All creative minds are invited to attend. If interested, please contact AIGA Austin by going to their website www.aigaustin.org.

Camper-Counselor Corner

Angels Coming

- Susan Lew Panella born March 23, 2004, to Josiah Panella and Ellie Howard.
- Sarah W. Cary born May 1, 2004, to Clayton and Karen Caldarelli Cary.
- Katherine Lyles Colley born May 5, 2004 to David and Mary Oxford Colley.
- Rachel Milam Hanna born June 5, 2004, to Michael and Mary Jane Whiteside Hanna.
- Mary Louise Buchek born July 7, 2004, to John and Mills Turnbull Buchek.
- Annabel Dianne Everitt born September 1, 2004, to William and Cynthia Flatten Everitt.
- Claire Manning born September 25, 2004, to John and Nicole Wilkins Manning.
- Caryline M. Bradford born September 28, 2004, to Andrew and Shannon Thompson Bradford.
- Darden Elizabeth Page born October 1, 2004, to Clay and Laura Buchek Page.
- Elizabeth T. Parra born October 4, 2004, to Chris and Anne Clayton Ware Parra.
- Louisa Grace Back born October 14, 2004, to Luke and Meredith Bishop Back.
- Harper Elizabeth Paddock born November 22, 2004, to William and Anissa Paddock.
- Katharine "Bird" Smith born December 2, 2004, to Peter and Susan Hable Smith.
- Elise Constance Miles born December 19, 2004, to Matthew and Ashley Cottingham.
- Millie Trumpower born December 30, 2004, to Ian and Aimee Buatt Trumpower.
- Lillian Leslie Ashby born January 9, 2005, to Christopher and Leslie Ashby.
- Talia Weaver Martin born January 17, 2005, to Jeffrey Martin and Alison Weaver.
- Cheney Elizabeth Lawrence born January 25, 2005, to Walton and Stephanie Lawrence.
- Caroline Elise Forman born February 4, 2005, to Joseph and Elizabeth St. Clair Forman.
- Amelia "Mimi" Elizabeth Fowlkes born February 8, 2005, to Gregory and Annabelle Brown Fowlkes.
- Conor Robert Clinton born February 10, 2005, to Ryan and Laura Latta Clinton.
- Ashley Elizabeth Schoeplein born March 21, 2005, to Alex and Mandy Palmer Schoeplein.
- Caroline Love Readinger born February 10, 2005, to Robert and Allison Beckworth Readinger.
- Graydon Elizabeth Moore born April 4, 2005, to Carl and Phoebe Fleming Moore.
- Talley Cecile Kirkwood born May 13, 2005, to Andrew and Martha Talley Kirkwood.
- Catherine Josephine Felton born June 12, 2005, to Daniel and Josephine Hoover Felton.
- Lily Brennan Moore born July 29, 2005, to Richard and Stephanie McAllen Moore.
- Georgia Marie Graves born September 12, 2005, to David and Anna Oden Graves.

Angels Going

- Cora (Corky) Albert Patterson of Houston passed away March 13, 2004. She was a 2nd Term Tejas from Tulsa, Okla., who attended Waldemar in 1936 and 1937. She is the mother of Susan Patterson Mize and grandmother of Deborah Willis.
- Brennan Bridgeman Baumer, a 2nd term Tejas (1966-1969) of Metairie, LA, passed away.

Our hearts are with all the families of these Waldemar angels.

Camp Inspires Teaching Career

For Kathy Shaver Hart, a six-year Comanche (1959-1964) and later counselor, Waldemar inspired a 35-year teaching career. Her love of working with Junior High age children began with her counseling days in K-1 (an old "woodie") with a great group of 14-year-olds!



Waldemar Girls Tie the Knot

- Monica McGuire, a 2nd Term Tejas (1985-1990) married Nick Allen on August 30, 2003, in Aspen, Colo., where they originally met at a fly fishing shop! Monica currently is working as a buyer for Beau Boutique in San Francisco, CA. The couple has just moved to Ben Oregon, CA.
- Emily Crowder, a 2nd term Aztec (1983-1989) got married January 5, 2002. Emily earned her J.D. and Master of Public Administration in 2001 from UNC Chapel Hill. During the week she works in Washington, D.C., as Associate Counsel to the Inspector General of the Dept. of Health and Human Services. Her husband is an Episcopal Priest at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, NC.
- Liza Denton, a 1st term Tejas (1985-1992) married Christopher Thomas Gleason in New York, NY on October 1, 2004. The couple reside in New York where Liza works as a producer for MultiVu.

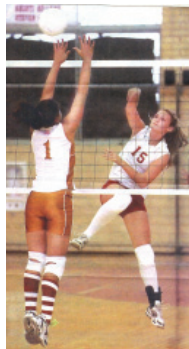


Congratulations to 2nd-year Waldemar counselor, Nina Bestelink from Botswana, Africa. She and Comfort-native Grady Steiler have announced their plans for matrimony. We're so happy for you both!

- Elizabeth Smith, a 1st term Aztec (1988-1994) married Colin Tapp on November 20, 2004. She graduated in May 2005 with an MBA from the Cox School of Business at SMU in Dallas.
- Tracy Dillee, a 2nd term Comanche (1986-1990), married Ryan McCleary on March 19, 2005.
- Betsy Bowen, a 1st term Tejas (1990-1996) married Michael Jenkins on September 10, 2005, in Houston, TX. The couple now reside in Beaumont, TX.
- Short Term counselor Andrea Leach married Daniel Satterlee on August 6, 2005, in Edmond, OK. The couple now reside in Oklahoma City, OK.

Outstanding Accomplishments

Emily Little, 1st term Tejas, had a great year in 7th grade! She was one of only 14 girls (out of 55 who tried out!) who made the volleyball team at school. She also was selected to play on a club volleyball team out of Lake Highlands and was one of the starting setters. Her coaches were SMU volleyball players and they played in eight tournaments from January to May! Meanwhile, she continued in riding lessons, took all honors classes, and made straight A's.



1st term Tejas Kelly Bowman is having a great year playing High School volleyball. This half-page photo of her was featured in the Corpus Christi newspaper!

Former 2nd term Comanche Carson Brown is taking the stage by storm. In January, she spent time in L.A. filming for her role in *Jump Shot*, a film directed by Mark Rydell (*On Golden Pond*). In the new flick which is in post-production now, Carson plays the daughter of Ray Liotta and Kim Baskinger. The story follows the lives of several individuals through gambling addictions and converges in a college basketball championship game. The part Carson plays was originally written for a 17-year-old girl but the casting team was so impressed with her that they rewrote the part to suit her age. In addition to making movies, Carson is taking singing lessons, writing her own songs, and looking for a record label.

Joanie McLeod, 2nd term Aztec (1993), from Houston, Texas, is studying to be a lawyer at South Texas College of Law in Houston.

Former 2nd term Aztec (1995-2000) and counselor Arabella Montgomery was elected Senior Vice President of her class at Ole Miss University in a coin toss tie breaker in April of 2005. Shortly before final exams, the student body held their student government elections. Arabella and contender Ty Bullard finished in a tie. Since there are no provisions for how to handle this, the candidates were offered a special election to decide with provisions for putting ads in the school newspaper. But after several weeks of campaigning, both were ready to conclude their efforts and concentrate on their upcoming finals. So they opted for a coin toss to settle the tie. Arabella called heads in the air, and heads it was! Congrats to the new VP!



If you are doing something interesting or have some bit of news for the next Roundup, please let us know by sending email to campwaldemar@hotmail.com or faxing us at 830/238-4051.

The Story of a Beaumont, Texas Cheerleader

By Lacey Truncale, 2004 Comanche Hilltopper

The following is reprinted from varsity.com, Oct. 11, 2005

My name is Lacey Truncale, and I live in Beaumont, Texas. The past few weeks have been quite an experience for my family and me. On Wednesday, September 21st, before Hurricane Rita made landfall, my mom told me to pack five days worth of clothes and any items that I thought were irreplaceable. I packed my clothes, jewelry, scrapbooks, my puppy, and my homework. The next day, my sister and I helped my dad board up windows and load two cars with everything we had packed.

Our adventure began that evening at 5 p.m. The trip to Ft. Worth, to stay with my grandparents and cousins, was 19 hours long. No stores or gas stations were open along the way, which meant there was nowhere to stop and eat or go to the bathroom. Thank goodness we brought ice chests with food and water! Many people ran out of gas, and others, like my family, had to park in random church lots to get a mere 15 minutes of sleep. Traffic crept along the highway at inches per hour. We finally reached Ft. Worth Friday afternoon.

As my family and I watched live broadcasts of the storm destroying our city, I wondered if I would ever see my friends or my house again. A week later, after seeing images of Rita's aftermath everywhere we turned, we decided it was time to go back home. Driving through Beaumont was dangerous because streetlights were scarce, debris was everywhere, and power lines were down. When we arrived home, we were relieved to find our house in one piece. However, there was some damage. A tree had landed on the garage, two trees had fallen into the pool, the backyard fence was down, and roof shingles covered our front lawn. My family and I were without power for seven long days. We camped out at our house with a barbeque pit, a generator, one air-conditioning window unit, and three ice chests. The water was unsafe to drink, and our house incredibly hot and humid. But at least we were able to take showers!

After a few days, businesses and restaurants began to open, and people started coming back. When my aunt pulled up to her house, she was graciously met with power. I used her washing machine to do about 10 loads of laundry, and I stayed with her for a few days to take a break from the heat.

I attend and cheer for West Brook High School in Beaumont, and we had to cancel Homecoming, two

football games, and the ACT. The events we missed have been rescheduled. I was forced to take the ACT in Baytown, which is an hour away from my house. I'm just glad that I was able to take it at all. Hurricane Rita caused us to miss 12 days of school. Luckily, only two will have to be made up.

My cheerleading squad at WBHS had to miss two weeks of practice, but we were able to start back this week. I have not resumed practice with my completeive squad, Cheer FX Elite, in Port Arthur. Hurricane Rita caused catastrophic damage to the Beaumont/Port Arthur areas. And many people, including some of my friends and teachers, are without homes. Others are having great difficulties receiving financial aid from FEMA and the Red Cross, even though they are in desperate need of assistance. There are also countless neighborhoods still without power.

Beaumont has always been known for its giving nature. Several schools in the area participated in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, and West Brook raised over \$6,000 in just two days. I gave school tours and helped new, displaced students become active in a number of organizations.

Hurricane Rita demonstrated the power of prayer and the benefits of good neighbors. Our city has experienced several hurricanes in the past, but none compare to the strength of Rita. Despite these challenges, Beaumont is rebuilding. And it is my belief that we will emerge stronger than we were before. I can honestly say that some good has come from all the devastation. I have learned the true meaning of family, friendship, unity, teamwork, and charity.

More Outstanding Accomplishments ■ ■

2nd term Comanche Ceci Maxwell had a great summer swimming! Swimming summer league for the Greenwood Forest Breakers in Houston, she qualified in June to swim in the 2005 Red, White, and Blue Invitational held during July. Ceci qualified in the 50-yard breaststroke and she was part of the 200-yard medley relay swimming the breaststroke. Ceci was the youngest of her relay teammates and the only swimmer from her school to qualify who only swims with the summer team and does not train year-round. During the school year, Ceci stays busy playing the viola for the Top-Performing State Strings Program of Klein ISD.

Your Camp Honor Code/All-Star Questions Answered

Campers and parents alike often have questions about the importance of the Honor Code, what it means to them while at camp and beyond, and how/why campers earn their all-stars. We hope the following questions and answers will help you and your daughters understand what an honor it is to earn a yearly all-star and how important the Honor Code is to this process.

Q: What is the Honor Code? Why do we have one?

A: The Waldemar mission is to provide an opportunity for each young camper to not only come and have a good time during the summer, but to also grow spiritually, mentally, and physically while becoming her finest self. In other words, we hope that the Waldemar experience is both fun and rewarding to girls as they grow into responsible, young ladies. Just as Americans are expected to uphold the Pledge of Allegiance in order to be the best part of society they can be, Waldemar girls are asked to uphold the Honor Code in an effort to prove they can stay true to their own convictions, resist peer temptation, and grow in their individuality, leadership, and integrity – ideals set forth by Miss Ora Johnson when she established Waldemar. By experiencing the trivial mishaps and experiences at camp, our young ladies unknowingly prepare for the more difficult and challenging experiences of life. This is the purpose of adhering to the Honor Code though its content may seem trivial to some.

Q: What is an All-Star?

A: Each summer, campers have the opportunity to earn an “all-star.” This is their gift from the camp given at the end of the term as a way to thank them for their contributions and leadership through the term. The actual gift varies by year. First-year campers can earn a felt “W” in their tribal color. Second-year campers can earn a silver disk with the Waldemar crest. Third-year campers can earn a gold disk with the Waldemar crest. Fourth-year campers can earn a gold disk with a diamond in it. Fifth, sixth, and seventh-year campers can earn a mounted gold disk with the camp year engraved on the back. And Hilltoppers can earn a silver and gold “W”. Many years from now, your daughter will continue to be recognized as a Waldemar girl when someone sees her diamond or other all-stars displayed.

Q: How do I earn my all-star?

A: Earning an all-star means achieving a certain number of points on a record card and being present through all camp activities. This includes being present for the Final Program. Record card points are awarded for kampong behavior, class participation, table etiquette, etc. While a perfect record card is not necessary to earn an all-star, there is a minimum number of points required on a record card. And obtaining multiple “minuses” for poor behavior and/or decisions can negatively affect this reward. Also, choosing to leave camp before the conclusion of the Final Program without prior written consent from the Director results in loss of all-star.

Q: Does every camper automatically earn an all-star?

A. No. This is a reward given to campers who prove they have embraced the camp experience and fulfilled Miss Ora’s mission to become a better person during their stay.

Q: What happens if a camper breaks the Honor Code? Is she automatically sent home?

A. From time to time, campers make poor decisions that result in a breach of the Honor Code. It is a sad, unfortunate situation for all as it involves many and has far-reaching impacts. Depending on the severity, a camper is sometimes sent home (i.e., smoking and/or drinking alcohol at camp results in immediate dismissal as these are also violations of Texas law). In all cases of an Honor Code breach, ¼ of the record card points are lost. This means a camper does NOT have an opportunity to earn her all-star and her tribe will be negatively affected by the loss of points, sometimes resulting in loss of the plaque to another tribe.

More Honor Code/All-Star questions answered on page 7

62% of Staff Have Previous Waldemar Experience

Each year a number of dedicated Waldemar staffers begin early in the fall searching the world over for the most fun-loving, responsible, creative and committed counselor staff to help our campers have the best summer experience possible. It involves many hours of travel, thorough interviewing, and background checks to find the best candidates.

What we have found through this process is that the Waldemar program speaks for itself, and once we get them here, they often want to come back! In fact, in both 2004 and 2005 nearly 50% of our staffers were here for their 2nd year or more! And 62% of our staff have experience with Waldemar through camping or counseling!

Of those returning veterans, we even have some women who have continued to dedicate their summers to Waldemar for more than four decades! We hope all of our new counselors each year will enjoy the Waldemar experience so much that they will continue to make the same commitment!

Other interesting statistics about our counselor staff are as follows. In 2005, Waldemar hired 166 people for summer counselor staff. Also, we hired college students from 49 campuses around the United States.



Honor Code and All-Star Questions&Answers Continued

Q: What happens if a camper doesn't earn her all-star?

A: There are so many different reasons a camper may not earn her all-star. If she does not receive it in the year expected, she has the opportunity to "re-earn" that same one in the next year she attends camp.

Q: Cell phones and candy seem trivial. Why is this so important to camp that they are part of the Honor Code?

A. Waldemar is merely a stepping stone for girls in their journey through life – an opportunity for them to deepen their understanding and respect of family and societal values. So while saying no to a piece of candy or using a cell phone might seem trivial for some, Waldemar hopes to help girls strengthen their character so when faced with more difficult temptations in life (e.g., drugs, alcohol abuse, etc.), they have preparation, practice, and resilience. In addition, cell phones afford our campers (mostly our teenagers missing their friends and boyfriends) a quick and easy way to contact those they miss and set up times for them to drive by while the camper will be near the gates or make plans to meet them during an out-of-camp trip. This creates a parenting challenge for Waldemar as it allows for unannounced visitors of whom parents may or may not approve. We want our campers to simply UNPLUG during their time at camp!

Q: Why do you make campers sign the Honor Code in advance?

A. Signing the Honor Code in advance gives campers and their families an opportunity to know what is expected of them prior to their arrival.

Q: If a camper breaks the Honor Code or doesn't earn her all-star, does that mean she can never come back to camp?

A. Not necessarily. There are many different variations of Honor Code violations and reasons a camper might not earn an all-star. Provided a camper genuinely wants to be at Waldemar and she can prove her intentions, she typically earns an invitation to return.

Q: Do all campers automatically get invited back?

A. Getting invited to attend Waldemar is a privilege and one that has to be earned each year. Prior year's experience and commitment to the mission are prerequisites for demonstrating the desire for a return invitation.

Q: Are counselors expected to uphold the Honor Code?

A. We review the camper Honor Code with counselors many times. As part of their contract, they are expected to help campers live up to this agreement. A counselor who assists a camper Honor Code breach can result in her dismissal or other negative repercussions affecting her employment with Waldemar.

Letters Last a Lifetime

By Berkley Scroggins
 Head Comanche Sponsor, 1st Term 2005

Greetings Waldemar family and friends! I hope you have all settled into your busy routines of school, work, volleyball practice, soccer games, and much more. As we venture into a new school year, let us all remember to stay in touch with our Waldemar friends. I encourage you all to find a few spare minutes in your week to write a letter to a camp friend. I stress the importance of a letter delivered by “snail mail” because in today’s world of converging media we often forget the personal touch of a hand-written letter. I frequently remind myself to unplug, slow down and focus on writing a letter. I acquired my interest in letters during my seven summers at Waldemar.

Throughout my summers at camp, I became a dedicated pen pal to my family and friends. I remember rushing back to my kampong everyday after lunch to see if the “mail girls” had delivered our kampong’s letters. I generally received several letters each day, and now I have several hundred letters that document my seven years at Waldemar. I recently spent several weeks reading these letters, and I created a book of letters that my parents and I had exchanged. As I sorted through my camp letters, I began to wonder why my parents sent packages.

Campers want to hear from their parents. They want to know what is going on at home, the latest hometown news, and of course, how their siblings and pets are carrying on without them. Packages serve as instant gratification and fun; however, the contents inside are commonly “old” after a few

New Policy on Camper Accounts

Beginning in 2006, Waldemar will not pay out nor bill parents after the term concludes for a camper account balance within \$5 of the original \$100 invested by parents. Amounts less than \$5 will be either credited to or debited from the 2007 camper account. Hilltopper accounts, however, will continue to be cashed out as before.

minutes. The girls carry on with their busy day, and the package gets shoved to the bottom of the trunk.

I encourage us all to realize the importance of simplicity and strive to maintain a wholesome and fun atmosphere at Waldemar. For the summer of 2006, I challenge all parents, grandparents, and friends to write more letters and send fewer packages!



Name That Slide

Those of you here 2nd term got to enjoy Waldemar’s newest camp “improvement” – an 80-foot long water slide that shoots you down from 2 1/2 stories out into the cool green Guadalupe! The perfect addition to picnics and free swim!

Designed by Teak Elmore and crafted by Teak, Greg Russell, and Gerardo Alvarado, the slide was completed late this past summer but not so late that the 2005 2nd termers didn’t get to take at least one quick ride



down it! 1st termers will get their chance next summer!

Perhaps the greatest challenge now lies ahead – to name the slide! We had our 2nd term campers vote for their favorite name during camp, but we want input from Short and 1st termers too.

So campers, be ready! Review the list below and be prepared to state your favorite at the start of the terms next summer. And get ready to slide!

- Big Kahuna
- Daredevil
- Walde Scream
- Green Goblin
- Guad Screamer
- Tunnel of Splash
- Mr. Bojangles
- Green Scream
- Green Hole
- Teak’s Tower
- Green Splash
- Water Scream
- Slicky

1992 Waldemar Hilltoppers Reunite in East Hampton, NY

By Liza Denton Gleason,
1st term Hilltopper, 1992

It's true: the traditions of Waldemar are never forgotten and can be celebrated anytime, anywhere!

This summer, the Hilltoppers '92 reunited for a special "Waldy Weekend" at the home of Amy Mitchell Griffin (Aztec – Amarillo) in East Hampton, NY.

Campers included: Georgia Benton (Tejas – Amarillo), Courtney Smith Childers (Aztec – Amarillo), Taylor Kepler Craig (Tejas – Dallas), Reagan Harris Fibbe (Aztec – Beaumont), Liza Denton Gleason (Tejas – Dallas), Joanne Myers (Tejas – Dallas) and Mandy Putman (Comanche – Dallas). We're sad to report Anne Lawrence (Aztec – Amarillo) couldn't make the trip as she had prior commitments.

Upon arrival, we disposed of all gum and candy then worked together to develop action-packed weekend schedules. Activities included massages, yoga, thumbing through camp yearbooks, looking at pictures, laughing at letters we had written home to our parents as campers and singing camp songs. The top hits included: "Waldemar Sea of Woods," the three tribal songs, and the "Hilltoppers '92 Song" as sung to the tune of Aretha Franklin's "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."

Between activities (and before rest hour), we took the time to place phone calls to our former counselors: Berle Van Zandt, B.J. Gray and Katharine Hable. Sadly, Joyce Jordan couldn't be reached (Editor's note: She was busy with First Field Day but wished the group a good weekend and later mailed them

a few of her fun memories!) As expected, each counselor was shocked – and hopefully thrilled – to hear from us!

The weekend's delicious menu included special five-star Waldemar delights like chalupas and Blarney Stones! For nourishment, we noshed on local favorites including lobster rolls.

The final night of camp, we enjoyed a magnificent bonfire on the beach. Each of us had the opportunity to recite our Ideal Waldemar Girl speech. And yes, most of us remembered every word!

After reminiscing beside the fire about our most-cherished camp memories, we participated in a kitchen raid – complete with freshly baked chocolate chip cookies! What a perfect ending to a perfect weekend!

The only thing missing from our amazing weekend was the Guadalupe river!

As is the case with all Waldemar traditions, there's no doubt our summer reunion will become an annual event. Many thanks to Amy for opening up her home to us!



From Johnny's Kitchen:

How much do Waldemar girls eat???

More than you think! During the course of a summer, Waldemar serves:

- 11,200 chicken breasts
- 5,600 pounds of chicken products (that is almost three tons!)
- 1,350 pounds of bacon
- 21,600 eggs (far too many if you ask most campers!)
- 1,200 pounds of cheese
- 1,480 pounds of butter (what do you think makes all those desserts so yummy?!)
- 1,500 pounds of sugar
- 3,600 pounds of flour

We also go through 80,000 napkins and 1.2 million ounces of juice! Whew! Those girls must get hungry playing so hard!



Greetings from the Waldemar Barn

The horses have had a good, albeit dry, break since camp ended. I think we are all looking for some rain. We have acquired five new additions: Caddo, Lakota, Rose, Baton Rouge and Second Chance. The other new horses from Mexico we bought just before 2nd term ended have been working into the horse herd wonderfully. Jan Cannon has fallen in love with Carlos (the horse) and Marsha and George Anne have enjoyed rides with Billy Sunday. I believe they will be favorite camp horses next summer.

Our camp polocrosse program continues to reach new highs. Through the enthusiasm of our campers with this sport, Catherine and I thought about hosting a clinic this fall for our polocrosse girls, but have since decided on mid-March instead. The Waldemar Polocrosse Club is hosting an International Text Match Series on Easter weekend. The U.S. women will be playing the Australian women on Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15. We will also be holding the annual Waldemar Classic Tournament the same weekend. It should be an incredible weekend of exciting live action horse sport in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Call Waldemar for more details.

Now that Women's Week is over, the horses will settle in for the fall and winter dreaming of lush green spring grasses and the anticipation of another fantastic summer!

HAPPY TRAILS!

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WALDEMAR FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND

April 28-30, 2006



Anyone can come to Family Camp! Come on all you future Waldemar campers and come on all you moms who had boys and thought you might never get back to camp! Waldemar's family is growing and growing because of you!

ACTIVITIES:

Archery – Canoeing – Crafts – Horseback Riding (for ages seven and up) – Massage for Mom – Tennis – Our annual Family Camp competition which includes a Photo Scavenger Hunt and fun challenges for all ages – S'mores

LODGING:

The rate for the weekend is \$230/Adult and \$130/Child (Ages 3-12). This price includes six meals, two-nights lodging, linens and all activities. Spa services cost extra. A limited number of deluxe rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis for an additional fee.

The rate is dependent on number of people in the room. Check-in is Friday, April 28, from 3-7 p.m. Checkout is on Sunday, by 2 p.m. \$100 per family deposit is due by April 7, 2006. Refunds will no longer be available after April 14.

Names and ages of family members: _____

Family contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

\$100 deposit required. We accept MC, Visa, Amex, Discover and checks.

If paying by credit card:

Credit Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Please return this information to:
Camp Waldemar c/o George Anne Elmore
1005 FM 1340, Hunt, Texas 78024
Phone: (830) 238-4821 Ext. 16
Fax: (830) 238-4051

Emailing Waldemar Just Got Easier

If you have ever needed Meg's email address in a hurry or tried to send a message to Liz Pohl at the barn without looking in your address book first, you may have had a difficult time remembering their personal email addresses. However, as we continue to improve our technology out in rural Texas, Waldemar staffers are now easier to contact with much easier to remember email addresses. You can contact us at the following:

Meg Clark – meg@waldemar.com
Teak Elmore – teak@waldemar.com
Kathleen Fisher – kathleen@waldemar.com
Liz Barkowsky – lizb@waldemar.com
Liz Pohl – lizp@waldemar.com
George Anne Elmore – ga@waldemar.com
Lori Appleton – lori@waldemar.com
Johnny Borrarayo – johnny@waldemar.com
Please continue to contact Marsha Elmore at
marshaelmore@hotmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Please make sure you have our correct physical address as well. As of January 2004, the U.S. Post Office no longer has to deliver mail sent to our old address. The correct Waldemar address is 1005 FM 1340.
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Camp Radio Station Enhances Summer Program

The sounds of Waldemar changed a bit in 2005. Now when you close your eyes, in addition to hearing the gentle flowing Guadalupe river, the wind in the leafy Cypress trees and the cicadas chirping at night, you can also hear the Dixie Chicks, songs from the Little Mermaid, Christian rock music, and many more favorites on WOTG 102.1 FM.

Waldemar's very own radio station debuted this summer and was quite a hit! Campers could actually take a class in radio programming where they learned the art of radio broadcast and programming. WOTG broadcast live during some of our Field Day events and at the Carnival, hosted radio contests, and gave campers an opportunity to let their talents shine.

1st term our radio class participants wrote and performed their very own radio drama show. 2nd term, Katrin Jenkins wrote and performed a beautiful lullaby to sing campers to sleep.

Special thanks goes to Short and 2nd term disk jockey Honnah Adams for sharing her broadcast talents with Waldemar and helping build our newest camp activity! We look forward to more on the air in 2006!

Hammers and Nails

During the off-season, Waldemar stays busy with campground improvements so we can continue our tradition of a setting of excellence. During 2005, we got to enjoy a brand new post office (known as The Depot), better suited for the large number of letters and packages we receive, and the newly-built water slide. When you join us next summer, you will see a number of other improvements around camp. For example, we have built rock paths to the Depot and the slide to avoid walking through mud or weeds. Greystone is getting a makeover with new paint and Cedar on the gabled ends of the roof. K-15 has been repainted. We are redoing one of the bathrooms above the Dining Hall as well as rebuilding Liz Pohl's office at the barn and repairing the road to the stables. The pier steps are being repaired. And we have plans to add onto both Gabriel and Armando (two of our very valuable year-round staffers)'s homes. Armando's home has been here a while as it originally belonged to long-time maintenance chief, Reyes.

DID YOU KNOW???

WOTG is NOT the first official radio station to broadcast over the Waldemar airwaves! In 1945 amid war and a polio epidemic, KTCW (Kum to Camp Waldemar) was launched as an evening program offering such shows as "Fannie Faces the Future" and "Wilbure Wides the Wasteland."

Waldemar Women's Week went from "Trash to Treasure" this September

Mind, body and spirit were renewed through the many classes and programs offered. These programs included the following: trail rides on horseback, Guadalupe River trips in kayaks and canoes, archery class with Jill, chorus classes to prepare for WWW chapel service, line-dancing, yoga classes, pilates, metal and jewelry class with Shelly, swim exercise with Elizabeth, water-sliding with Sally and Mary Lou, youth truth classes, personal training classes, more than a dozen spa treatments available, and *deep* group discussions morning, noon and night.

The craft classes were very popular this year! The ladies had the opportunity to make glass jewelry, apply horsehair to pottery, glaze ceramics crosses and plates, enjoy a feather arrangement demonstration, and they also spent a moving session with Shelly Mosher on spirituality through clay. On a more intellectual level, Morris Arredondo was back to teach self defense; Teak led a class in digital photography; Laura Waldman spoke on astrology; and Susan Westenbroek lectured on graphology.

Our evening party themes were "Death by Turquoise," "Turn your Trash into Treasure," "Campelot, the mini-drama," "Go Animalistic!" and the "Diamond Deb Ball." WWW live entertainment included Louis Real, Ken Raba, Shelley King and Floramae Holiday.

The more than 100 ladies who attended dressed up to the full extent of their imaginations this year to entertain each other and themselves at the parties. There was so much joy and laughter amongst friends, both new and old! WWW is at 26 years and still going strong. If you have never tried it, here are the dates for next year: September 26th-October 1st!!! Sign up early, the kampongs do get full!

George Anne sends her thanks to the Waldemar staff for an outstanding year, and she gives a huge (I mean HUGE) hug to our Chef Johnny Borrayo for the amazing food on the table!



Shop the Waldemar Store for All Your Holiday Gifts

End-of-Year SALE! Short-sleeve t-shirts \$10. Summer shorts, reg. \$12-18, 10% off. Fleece ponchos reg. \$24, now \$12; cotton shorts reg. \$12-\$15, now \$7.50; cotton skirts reg. \$18, now \$7.50; hats reg. \$16, now \$10. Check the web for styles.

Consider honoring a current or former camper or WWW participant with a **Waldemar Walkway Paver**. Pavers are 6" x 12" and cost \$53.38 each (includes tax). Contact the camp office at 830/238-4821 for order forms.



Waldemar applications make a great gift! Can't think what to get your granddaughter or godchild? Sign her up for the camp waiting list! Contact the camp office for an application. Application fee is \$50.

DVD Yearbooks for Sale: Don't just reminisce with pictures, remember camp in action with your very own 2005 DVD yearbook! These are available for \$20 and can be purchased through the camp store. Quantities are limited so place your order soon!

Hunt Historic Community Posters by Harold Phoenix available for \$25.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT PLACE TO SAY "I DO"?

Stephanie Smith and Jeremy Fowler recently celebrated their wedding with family and friends at Camp Waldemar! These families enjoyed the Waldemar grounds as they played a competitive Mini-Olympics which included the following games: bocce ball, croquet, whiffleball, washers, horseshoes, and volleyball! They even ended their weekend stay with a major canoe race on Sunday.

Congratulations to the bride and groom for winning that close race on the Guad!



Contact us at 830/238-4821, ext. 16, if you are interested in learning more about the Waldemar wedding packages.



WALDEMAR

1005 FM 1340
Hunt, Texas 78024

Know a former camper, young teacher or college student you think would be a great Waldemar counselor?

Encourage them to apply on-line for a summer position by going to the "employment" link at www.waldemar.com. Applications for counselor staff can now be submitted directly from the site!

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Buzzards Unite!

On Jan. 13-15, 2006, Waldemar will host its annual counselor reunion. Each year, all current, former and prospective counselors are invited for a weekend of fun and relaxation, as well as an opportunity to discuss ways we can improve our camper program. We look forward to seeing you all there so mark your calendars!

Roundup Newsletter is published yearly in print with additional news published on-line.

Please help us keep in touch! We want to hear from you on news of births, deaths, marriages, changing addresses, etc. Please take a moment to fill this out and send it back to us.

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Years as a Waldemar Camper: _____ Term: _____ Tribe: _____

Address (check if new):

Street: _____

City: _____

State & Zip: _____

Email: _____

News to share: _____

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