

# SPARKS

The Newsletter for Camps Kahdalea & Chosatonga  
In the Beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina

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## HOME FRONT

h, what FUN! Things are really hopping here! We had the Christmas holidays, New Year's, then the awesome ski trip and now we are traveling! We have some new staff working, camper applications coming in (keep spreading the good word!) and we are just starting off the counselor season (spread the good word some more, please.)! On top of all of that there is still snow on the ground as I write this. We've had a few weeks of colder weather and the snow has been on the ground for quite sometime.

The Krietes, Wellmeyers, Grahams, Philips, Aycocks, Trufants, Dileos, Flurys and the Pommerenke families were all on hand for the snow. Add to that about 20 counselors and we had a ski party of about 60 this year! What a fun event at Steamboat Springs. And, if you thought the snow was fun, Anne and I were very happy to have our precious grandchild Anne Marie with us, too! Happy? Did we tell you that she will visit for a week in March, too! Family, is one of God's greatest gifts. We are glad to have such a great camp family to go along with our family. You are so great. Thanks for believing in camp and in one another. What a gift you are.

Andrew is in college and working more than half time in project management in construction. It is so interesting how what goes around, comes around. Years ago, as part of our camp family, we had a JC and then a counselor, named Trent. I can't begin to tell you how much his camp family touched his life. He taught campers paddling and about life. In the process he learned a lot about life himself. He ended working year round for a couple of years, grew much, and met his love at camp. They are married and Trent is a fine homebuilder and such a holy and wonderful guy. Funny, Andrew is working for Trent and Trent is teaching him some great lessons and giving him terrific insight into construction and...Life. What a gift. It is such a gift for me to watch. It brings me great joy for both of them.

The weather has been great! We've had some snow that stuck around in the shade for over two weeks! We love that. The night sky is still often so bright that it makes us want to stand out in the cold just on the hopes of seeing a shooting star. The drought seems to be over, we know the paddlers will like that.

Meanwhile, the rest of the family is well. Adam went to China for three weeks during the holiday break. The rest of the boys are in school and growing and learning daily. We are so proud of them. Seven children... It's richer than I ever dreamed.

David & Anne



Main Session camper Michael West "spiders" the Ropes

## Summer 2008 Looks Soooooo Good!

Things are coming along nicely for the summer. Our Program Directors are in place and staff is looking great for so early in the staff season. How wonderful is that for us. We have a good core group in place and some fantastic new staff... I mean Fantastic! What a summer we will have! NOW IS THE TIME to SPREAD the GOOD WORD!!! We look forward to a full summer of such great adventure and such special and fun friends!

Our leadership is in place! At Kahdalea, Kasey Hupp will be the Program Director and Tim Hedrick returns as the PD at Chosatonga. Joining Sarah Trufant and very special someone remain a mystery for excited because Carlos back! He started his special this What strong person will the staff season send in your friends.



We are getting into the so now is a great time to applications and to bring

That's not all! We have expanded our year-round staff. Meet Graham Neiman. Graham graduated from Brevard College and Corps in camper at nineties and He is mostly word about This summer camp in



## PARENTS! Update your Adobe Acrobat

On your computer is Adobe Acrobat Reader. It is the little program that opens most forms on your computer. It is almost invisible and many people might not even realize that it is there. This year, for parent information, we are hoping to make our forms fillable on your computer. Just TYPE in your information! Neat! Easy!

We are not sure it will be able to get done for this summer but we are working on it and it is coming. Just go to Adobe.com and click on the "Get Adobe Reader" button. It will download the latest version.

## YOU are our BEST Ambassadors! You Rock!

Thanks for spreading the word. Camp would not make it without your help. One good way to share the CKC Spirit is to use your camp experiences for your school projects or writings! Thanks!

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## Grapevine... Something for everyone.

*The Lives we Touch give us some Camp Family Scoop.*



**John Benton** is doing well in the Marines in San Diego, **Kathy Benton** wrote to tell us. We're told that camp gave him the confidence to believe he could be a Marine and encouraged those core values in him. **Grayson Gremillion** was presented at the Pickwick Club's debutant ball in December in New Orleans. **David Dawson** and **Kate Darbonne** were married in September! Congratulations! It was a huge camp reunion! Everyone was there! Way too many to list. It was so nice. We

recently heard that there is a little one on the way! What a great blessing. **Gabriel Hahn** got married last summer! Sarah and **Gabriel Hahn** are due to have their first baby July 14<sup>th</sup>! That's so wonderful!!! They are in Greenville, SC where Gabe teaches. There's Love in the air! **Sean Harrison** asked **Frances Merit** to marry him and she said Yes! The wedding is scheduled for the middle of this year! They are both teaching at St. Andrew the Apostle School in New Orleans. Sean is the Development Director and teaches two 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion classes. Frances is teaching fourth grade. Blessings to you both! Speaking of engagements! **Matt Kriete** and **Mary Catherine Roberts** are National Merit FINALISTS! **Linda Giglio** and **Derek Foreman** are engaged! Derek proposed this Fall in Napa Valley. Linda, Derek, and **Tim Hedrick** were visiting **Connor Best**, **Valerie Courville** and Richard Green who have moved to the San Francisco area. Don't worry everybody the wedding is in Louisiana! Miss **Jennifer Bayhi** will soon be Mrs. **Michael Gennaro**! That's awesome! Congratulations!!! **Michael Franco** and **Erin Berryhill** are still as cute as ever. They are both so excited for their wedding in August. We can't wait! **Philip Wozniak**, and his folks, hosted a camp showing in Champaign, IL. Our first showing the



midwest! It was a great start. **Sarah Harris** is so excited that her wedding is soon! We've been hearing about this young man for years! And now the wedding is January 5<sup>th</sup>! They're planning to stay in the Melbourne, Florida area for a while. She writes, "Ryan and I both have solid jobs and are happy to stick around near our friends and families. Life right now is relatively simple considering all that's going on. We are kept busy getting the wedding together... Sarah is currently working at a learning center, helping kids on a one-on-one basis. **Kevin and Annette Johnson** are great! Kevin is teaching middle school math and Annette is at home with 3 year old Seamus (2/28/04) and Julianna (1/10/06), who just turned 1 in January. Annette writes, "Life is treating us well!" **Carlos Lavin** was accepted into North Carolina Central University for his masters in Special Ed. He starts in January, and will continue work at Estes Hills Elementary in Chapel Hill, NC. We love you Carlos!

Sooner or later, we all must take responsibility for ourselves, no matter how we started out in life.

"In life, you don't get to choose how you start out, but you DO get to choose how you end up." - Evender Holyfield the boxer.

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coached a men's competitive sport! Go Maria! You're awesome! She's also teaching at Carmel and St. Claire's. Plus she's finding every piece of open water

**Stina Hinton** has returned to work with prosthetics. We know St. Joseph's high school in Greenville, SC misses her, but we're so proud of the work she's doing! **Emily Bergeron** graduated December 21<sup>st</sup> from LSU. She's so excited! She's continuing being awesome at the Tiger District Store and coming up with the coolest shirts to support those Tigers!

**Maria DeMaio** is coaching men's soccer at Carmel Newman High School in West Palm Beach! This is the first time ever in the county's history that a woman has

## -News and Notes-

### School Groups: Tons of Fun! Staff Dibbs Now!

Black Balsam, Graveyard Fields, the Precipice, Sliding Rock, Paint Rock, The Nantahala, the Ropes Course and many more adventurous places are where we take school groups. We have a big school group, Lake Highland Prep from Orlando, coming the 19th of May. They are high school seniors and just want to play in the mountains together before they are scattered to the winds. We are lining up staff for it now. Give us a call or email (office@kahdalea.com) to get on the list. This is renowned as a great assignment. Our off-season program is accepting spring and fall groups now. If your school might be interested, call David for information.

### Fantastic Deal for Campers, Staff AND ALUM!

Last October, David and Brandon went to the International Bicycle Manufacturer's Convention. There were thousands of bike builders there and they wanted to find a good one to enhance the mountain biking program. Landing a bike deal without a shop is a bit difficult, but they made a deal with GT, a great company for mountain bikes.

Now camp can buy wholesale and at this time we are planning to share the arrangement with you. If you are an alum, camper or staff, you may get one at our cost! Go to: GTbicycles.com and take a look around.

If you are coming to camp, if you wish, you can order a bike. We'll have it here when you arrive. Use it at camp, then you get to keep it!

Wait there's more! Pacific Cycle is owned by the same company who owns SCHWINN and INSTEP. YOU can get bikes built for two, beach bikes, baby strollers, baby joggers and so much more. Just visit [www.Pacific-Cycle.com](http://www.Pacific-Cycle.com) for more choices and call us . 828-884-6834

### WOW, The Camps Are Looking Great!

Our illustrious maintenance staff continue to work hard. They have repaired, built, raked and underbrushed. There is a new front porch on the Dance Hall and on the office. They have been replacing screens, doors, and fixing chairs. Things are looking great!



### Keep your EMAIL alive!

No news is NO news! Oh so much has been going on! We announce special trips, bus arrangements, ski parties, wholesale bikes (see above) and previews of "Sparks" via email. If you haven't gotten one recently, it's because we don't have your email address. We'll keep you in-the-know. Remember, applications are on-line, too!

### Huckleberry is Here, boats, and more.

Sand, or tan or light gold... Like "Dixie" is how to describe the new van. We named it "Huckleberry"! We are working on getting several new Mohawk boats, like the Probe and Viper some hot open boats to go with the 5 dozen new paddles and about 18 new life jackets as well as helmets, skirts, throw ropes and more form last year.

### ACA National Paddling School at Chosatonga!

We are pleased to host the ACA National Paddling School this year at CHOSATONGA! What a privilege! It will be great for the whitewater program as those who might take a course can get a better than usual deal and there will be no commuting! This school teaches beginner classes to certifying whitewater instructors. If you want to take a course, get with David. If you are thinking of being on paddling staff, plan to take a course or get certified.

### Grapevine...

with her kayak! Cool! **Camy Stirling** is teaching a class full of precious first graders at Brevard Academy. winter in the mountains is a little different in Brevard than Baton Rouge. She likes it! **Tim Hedrick** is the coordinator of religious education, campus minister, and teacher at Redemptorist High in Baton Rouge. He loves his students and we know they are so blessed to have him there! We miss **Tobi**! **Tobi Wedig** is working as the Event Coordinator for Life Teen in Phenix. She's traveling around so much that we're not sure exactly whether she's coming or going! She did say that she loves Phoenix and that God sure knew what He was doing when He called her there! **Adam Trufant**, **Ariel Roland**, **Amelie Brown**, **Anna Chase**, **Seth Harkins**, **Jonathan Faust**, **Angelle Alcock**, **Caroline Kennedy**, **Sarah Roland** and co. were here visiting camp for their fall break.....

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# Summer 2008 - Here we come!!!

Summer 2007, last summer- "Amazing!" "Incredible!" "Wonderful!" So many people had such an awesome time this summer that they can't wait to come back to camp. We also are excited about so many people who have already signed up for the summer 2008! So many of you are coming back and bringing friends, too! Our family camp is growing! You are our best ambassadors! Keep spreading the word! Thanks! Applications are online at [www.kahdalea.com](http://www.kahdalea.com).

## CAMPKAHDALEA

Yasmeen Ahmed, Roswell, GA  
 Grace Alcock, Indialantic, FL  
 Sophia Alvarez, Bethesda, MD  
 Paige Anderson, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Elizabeth Antworth, Greenville, SC  
 Ellen Antworth, Greenville, SC  
 Tori Baney, Indialantic, FL  
 Caroline Baney, Indialantic, FL  
 August Barham, Brevard, NC  
 Marianna Barrett, Charleston, SC  
 Amy Bergeron, Metairie, LA  
 Sarah Beth Bernard, Kernersville, NC  
 Molly Bernard, Kernersville, NC  
 Mary Margaret Bernard, Birmingham, AL  
 Hannah Bernard, Birmingham, AL  
 Riley Bienvenu, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Grace Bienvenu, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Grace Black, Naples, FL  
 Liz Black, Naples, FL  
 Caroline Boone, High Point, NC  
 Addie Boucher, Creolo, AL  
 Caroline Brown, Tampa, FL  
 Mary Grace Burkett, Orlando, FL  
 Ramsey Cave, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Jessie Clark, Houma, LA  
 Ali Cobb, Merritt Island, FL  
 Virginia Compton, Indialantic, FL  
 Caroline Cook, Boynton Beach, FL  
 Katie Cook, Boynton Beach, FL  
 Cecilia Coon, Monroe, LA  
 Jane Crosby, Steubenville, OH  
 Michelle Dalton, Indialantic, FL  
 Jeanne Adelle Daniel, St. Francisville, LA  
 Anna Katherine Dazzio, Zachary, LA  
 Elizabeth Dazzio, Zachary, LA  
 Ashley Dean, Marietta, GA  
 Charlotte Delery, New Orleans, LA  
 Adria Diaconu, Charlotte, NC  
 Alex DiLeo, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Maggie DiLeo, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Christie Draddy, Arden, NC  
 Melissa Dukes, Orlando, FL  
 Kaitlyn Dunn, Lake Charles, LA  
 Kiki Durham-Edison, Whittier, NC  
 Kate Edwards, Abbeville, LA  
 Claire Ellender, Atlanta, GA  
 Maggie Ellender, Mer Rouge, LA  
 Erin Ellender, Mer Rouge, LA  
 Maggie Fahey, Charlotte, NC  
 Brittan Falterman, New Iberia, LA  
 Coco Falterman, New Iberia, LA  
 Margaret Fentress, Savannah, GA  
 Maddie Ferrill, Tampa, FL  
 Charlotte Fleishel, Marietta, GA  
 Kate Foster, Charlotte, NC  
 Kelly Gambel, Lafayette, LA  
 Ryan Elizabeth Gambel, Lafayette, LA

Mary Elizabeth Garaudy, River Ridge, LA  
 Kaleigh Gornak, Hattiesburg, MS  
 Georgia Green, Starke, FL  
 Hannah Greenfield, Evansville, IN  
 Viviane Hains, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Caroline Hanstein, Weston, FL  
 Emily Harrington, Merritt Island, FL  
 Allison Harris, Raleigh, NC  
 Maddy Harris, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Ellery Hayden, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Emily Hayden, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Haley Hebert, Jeanerette, LA  
 Savannah Hill, Franklin, TN  
 Stephanie Hilzim, New Orleans, LA  
 Camille Hodges, McLean, VA  
 Anna Holleman, Greenville, SC  
 Maria Hummel, Brookville, OH



Kathryn Jakuback, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Mary Allison Johnson, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Abbey Joiner, Melbourne Beach, FL  
 Barrett Jolissaint, Westlake, TX  
 Taylor Keene, Windermere, FL  
 Claudia Killeen, Lafayette, LA  
 Sara Kriete, Indialantic, FL  
 Monique Laborde, Hendersonville, NC  
 Rosie Lawler, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Rebecca Lawler, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Elissa Ledoux, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Irina LoPresti, Marietta, GA  
 Maggie Marcello, Gray, TN  
 Mary McAllister, Franklin, TN  
 Bridget McGhee, Vestavia Hills, AL  
 Macy McWhite, Greenville, SC  
 Morgan McWhite, Greenville, SC  
 Anna Meyers, The Hague, Netherlands  
 Grayson Mills, Greenville, SC  
 Emily Moren, Richmond, KY  
 Camille Nesbit, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Shea Oliver, Indialantic, FL  
 Caroline Ourso, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Chandler Parker, Valrico, FL  
 Morgan Parker, Valrico, FL  
 Mary Grace Parker, Franklin, TN  
 Marie Peaslee, Alexandria, LA  
 Christie Peaslee, Alexandria, LA

Sims Peters, Memphis, TN  
 Meg Peters, Memphis, TN  
 Logan Phillips, Greenville, SC  
 Michelle Pitten, Indialantic, FL  
 Elizabeth Presson, Umatilla, FL  
 McKenzie Pugh, Shreveport, LA  
 Shade Rae, Asheville, NC  
 Caroline Reed, Metairie, LA  
 Brooke Rickman, Cumming, GA  
 Amber Rickman, Cumming, GA  
 Jo Robichaux, Thibodaux, LA  
 Susannah Robichaux, Thibodaux, LA  
 Anna Sutton Rouse, Savannah, GA  
 Macy Sanders, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Elizabeth Sherman, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Ashley Shows, Sunset, SC  
 Lisa Slomka, Lantana, FL  
 Margaret Smith, Charlotte, NC

Arden Smith, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Annie Smith, Charlotte, NC  
 Janelle Sourbeer, Belleair, FL  
 Aimee St. Cyr, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Paul Tenewitz, Melbourne Beach, FL  
 Alaina Tenewitz, Melbourne Beach, FL  
 Maggie Thompson, Lake Charles, LA  
 Frances Thompson, Lake Charles, LA  
 Nicole Trio, Indian Harbour Beach, FL  
 Polly Ukrop, Richmond, VA  
 Emma Wellmeyer, Covington, LA  
 Emma Williams, Roswell, GA  
 Jenna Wray, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Alyssa Zingaro, Boca Raton, FL

### CHOSATONGA

Will Addington, Indialantic, FL  
 Andrew Ashworth, Mandeville, LA  
 Evan Ashy, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Joshua Ault, River Ridge, LA  
 Jack Baney, Indialantic, FL  
 Hunter Beggs, Louisville, KY  
 Justin Bennett, Orlando, FL  
 Josh Benton, Gainesville, FL  
 Caleb Benton, Gainesville, FL  
 Beck Bilisoly, Richmond, VA  
 Nash Bilisoly, Richmond, VA  
 John Birdsong, Bush, LA  
 Davis Brown, Tamps, FL  
 Joe Carleton, Baton Rouge, LA  
 John Carleton, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Parker Caulfield, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Liam Cave, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Sam Chasuk, Baton Rouge, LA

Grayson Cooper, Sapphire, NC  
 Daniel Ellender, Mer Rouge, LA  
 John Ellender, Mer Rouge, LA  
 Robert Fleishel, Marietta, GA  
 Robert Gambel, New Orleans, LA  
 Christian Gambel, Lafayette, LA  
 Will Graham, Brevard, NC  
 Noah Graham, Brevard, NC  
 Alex Green, Starke, FL  
 Patrick Hackett, Tucson, AZ  
 Riley Harris, Raleigh, NC  
 Jake Hebert, Jeanerette, LA  
 Peter Hummel, Brookville, OH  
 Marcus Hummel, Brookville, OH  
 Matthew Jakuback, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Patton Killeen, Lafayette, LA  
 William Killeen, Lafayette, LA  
 Patrick Lawler, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Cameron Lewis, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Tommy Longo, Charlotte, NC  
 Timmy Lyons, Miami, FL  
 John Paul Marceaux, Lake Charles, LA  
 Holden Marceaux, Lake Charles, LA  
 Edward McGavran, Charlotte, NC  
 Mac McGuire, Mandeville, LA  
 Ross McKnight, Covington, LA  
 John Moore, Orlando, FL  
 Andrew Nesbit, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Grant Odom, Baton Rouge, LA  
 George Odom, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Justin O'Neal, Thomasville, GA  
 Sam Pedonti, Orlando, FL  
 Matthew Pelton, Miami, FL  
 Tyler Pommerenke, Simpsonville, SC  
 Chandler Price, Baton Rouge, LA  
 John Pruitt, Lake Charles, LA  
 Nathan Ross, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Copeland Rouse, Savannah, GA  
 Alex Scarnecchia, Hollywood, FL  
 Robert Seghers, Covington, LA  
 Bennett Sherman, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Daniel St. Amand, Manhattan, KS  
 Joseph St. Cyr, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Will Stallings, Kennesaw, GA  
 Will Storment, Lafayette, LA  
 Mac Thompson, Lake Charles, LA  
 Joseph Trufant, Brevard, NC  
 Jeffrey Trufant, Brevard, NC  
 John Trufant, Brevard, NC  
 Landon Weil, Wilton Manors, FL  
 Evan Wellmeyer, Covington, LA  
 Michael West, Indialantic, FL  
 Andrew West, Indialantic, FL  
 Max Windle, Charleston, SC  
 William Woody, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Philip Wozniak, Champaign, IL  
 Nick Zingaro, Boca Raton, FL  
 Reid Pitten, Indialantic, FL



# ALUM GRAPEVINE



**Leigh (Dazzio) Holden**, '90-'92, just had a baby, Madeline Adele Holden born February 6. Leigh bumped into **Adele (Aycock) Bowden**, '92-'00 from camp, in the hospital as they were thinking of names and decided the second name as **Brooke (Baia Monte) Saunders**, '95-'96, wrote to us "Baby Cole is almost one and

has starting walking!" Brooke is counting down the days until he can go Chosatonga! She's even singing camp songs to him already. That's awesome Brooke! We can't wait to have him with us!

**Adele Aycock** '92-'00, Married Hewes Bowden last April. She is working at Catholic High School In Baton Rouge. **Elaine (Aycock) Politz**, '92-'00, and her husband **Scott "Fish" Politz**, '98, live in Baton Rouge and recently had twins! Grant and Alex, now nearly one, to go with 4 year old Jack. **Suzanne (Benoit) Long**, '93, has a beautiful 16 month old and is a stay at home mom. She has a degree in Elementary Education from LSU! Cool!

**Emily (Gregg) Turner**, '98, '01, and **Jason Turner**, '98,'01, had a baby girl! Virginia Alice Turner on June 9, 2007. Parent's write: "She is a beautiful perfect blessing from God." Virginia Alice was born 7 pounds 7 ounces, 20.5 inches. Congratulations!



**Andrea (Logan)**, '00-'01, '03-'05, and Michael Henthorn had a beautiful baby girl, Emma'ire Salem Henthorn, on August 24th. She weighed a full 8 lbs, 2 oz, and was 19.5 inches long! Both mom, dad and even big brother Noah (almost 2!) are doing great!

**Julie Ellen (Parrish) Harmon**, '94-'98, writes, "Our daughter Carin is finally ready for camp next summer. The memories I have are some of the best ones...and I can't wait for her to make her own. This fall will be my second year teaching preschool at our church!"

**Cody Groeber**, '02-'04, (and past PD) and his precious wife Erin, both graduated from Notre Dame Law School in May of 2007 and moved to Charleston, SC, to practice law. Erin is working for a solo practitioner and helps counsel the Catholic Church. Cody just took a job at the Public Defender's Office in Charleston and loves the work so far; it is quite challenging. More exciting for them is the expectation of thier first child, due in late July. Cody misses camp, hopes you all are well, and hopes to visit this summer! We at camp can't wait... Cody... a p a p a !

**Erin (Vaccaro) Brickey**, '95, Erin has just had her second baby Luke Anthony! Congratulations E r i n !  
**Angela (Wolf) Sheets**, '90-'97, told us "watching the camp video made me want to go back! I can't wait to send my girls, my camp memories are so happy and anytime I run into a 'camp person' we have an instant connection and could talk for hours about our camp!"



**Tim Bailey III**, '00-'01, is the Assitant Manager at Austin Radiological Association. We loved his email to us! "What I would give to be in one of those cabins on Chosatonga's sacred grounds right now. I still take to heart the principle they taught to me during my summers at camp." Tim is also doing extraordinary work with his medical mission trips to Mexico.

**Jon Bargas**, '91-'96,'99,'00 & Past PD extrodinaire, and his bride Joyce, were married in Denver in September, and then went on to Costa Rica for their honeymoon. They had a shower in Baton Rouge and amongst the cool party crew were: **David and Paige Kahn** (????), **Trent** (???) and **Carolyn Hardin**, '92-



'96, **Owen** '92-'94, '99,'01, and **Casey** (???) **Thompson**, **Anna Thompson** '06, **Chad** and **Boyce Rigby**, '94-'99, **Hayes** and **Jill Harris** (????), **Wes**, '99-'01, and **Jen (Vella) Stonicher**, '00,'01, **Wogan Bernard**, '91-'98, **Carolyn Swift** '90-'93, **Bart**, '91-'94, and **Laruen Peak**, '92-'94, **Paul Poteet** '96, **Warren** and **Ali (Sanford) Dazzio**, '90-'92. Many went to the wedding in Denver, including Director, **David Trufant**. Jon said, "Except for family, everyone in my wedding are friends from camp." Wow, and Jon hadn't worked at camp in about 7 years.

**Rebecca Borne**, '95-'96, graduated from Yale Law and is in Bolivia for several months. Go Rebecca! We're so proud of you!  
**Damon Bungard** '96 (often remembered as "Snake Man") rallied over to Mt. Washington in NH, did a ground up lap on O'Dells Gulley (one of the ice climbing routes in Huntington Ravine), snowshoed in to Smuggler's Notch, and says that maybe one of these days he'll be able to make a trip on the Art Loeb once again. He writes, "Thanks for the newsletter, nice to see things are chugging along as always. I am up in VT working as a consultant with General Dynamics and doing work in the outdoor industry on the side, paddling for Wave Sport, doing video and photo work, etc." That's our Damon!

**Husted DeRussy**, '90-'91, is still practicing law and **Melissa** '90-94 is now teaching full time at Trinity Episcopal School in New Orleans. She writes, "Catherine Wheeler DeRussy was born on Friday Jan 25 at 6:45 pm. She weighed in at 7lbs 2oz. We are home and doing great. She actually let us get some sleep last night so we are feeling much better." That's so cool!

**Lucy Faust**, '93-'01, is at Middlebury College and has currently had the lead in "The Heidi Chronicles". If you can't make it to Middlebury to cheer Lucy on, head to the movie theater to see her in two upcoming movies: "The Yellow Handkerchief" and "Warbirds"! Go girl!



**Amelia Fromherz**, '96-'05, has been accepted to the Louiana State University School of Medicine! She is so thankful for her time at camp and even used her experiences from camp during her interview. That's awesome! We're so proud of you Amelia!

**Bryant Jacome**, '00-'02, was spotted camping around the Asheville area in August. Gabriel Benedict Jacome - the new baby! - is great!  
**Kevin**, '04, and **Annette (Whitwam) Johnson**, '95-'99, '01-'02,'04, wrote,

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**Mara Vicente**, **Camy Stirling** and **Jessica Hanson** watched **Anna Wells** be a super goalie for the Belmont Abbey women's soccer team! Even with a good kick to the face by the other team's offender, Anna (who was also Belmont Abbey's Homecoming Queen) did beautifully!!! (Belmont Abbey won 1-0). **Jon Overbay** is managing a law firm, working in both Greensboro and Raleigh. Being the amazing Jon Overbay that he is- he bought a house and has fixed it up! "It is finally fully furnished! It still needs a lot of work but it is coming along. It's a fun process! Tell everyone I said "Hello!" **McKenzie Pugh** is at the end of her first quarter of her freshman year and while attempting to "study" sent us a quick update! She writes, "I was thinking about y'all all summer... but I must admit Europe was awesome! ...I can't wait to come back to Kahdalea!" Her best friend might come too! That'd be awesome! We'd love to meet her! See you this summer McKenzie!! **Emma Williams** and the whole Williams clan (including camp alums **Rob** and **Maggie**) have had a year of milestones! Emma is in eight grade at St. Francis Preparatory School where she plays volleyball and does de bate. After five years of lacrosse she has switched over to goalie and is awesome! Their dad wrote a beautiful (and clever!) Christmas card telling us all about the awesome Williams family. The card we got from **Sarah Kreite's** family was one of the mostentertaining ones of the season, too! **Hannah Bernard** received the Coaches



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## Parents...

(We so appreciate you! Thanks for your support and trusting us with your most precious treasures. Please keep spreading the good word.)

Younger boy campers, 8-12, grow a lot at camp. Thinking for themselves, they gain advantages over their peers and new confidence. At about 13-14, some boys begin thinking of cars, malls girls and a summer of hanging out. In our culture, our 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 year olds **need** camp. They **need** to see wholesome counselors who believe in goodness and make life work. During a time when kids are under attack by destructive behaviors, music

## Counselors...



Just a couple of short notes... 1) Email. Get an address and stick with it. You might want to think about NOT using your college address as your main email address. When you graduate you usually lose it and many of your friends, and camp, will not be able to reach you. We lose contact with more staff that way. We miss you. 1.) Having a simple email program that is resident on your computer is handy. Thunderbird, Eudora

or Outlook keeps all of your email for as long as you keep it. It is quick and you can read and compose mail when you can't be online. AND, you can still check your mail the old way, on line 2) Staff positions are filling up. Please contact us to hold you a spot. We want you!

## ALUM GRAPEVINE Con't

"Life is treating us well! Kevin is teaching middle school math and Annette is at home with 3 year old Seamus (2/28/04) and Julianna (1/10/06), who just turned 1 in January."

**David**, '86-'90, '92-'94, '98-'99, **Paige (Swift) Kahn**, '90-'01, had a beautiful baby girl- Sara Elizabeth Kahn, 7 lbs. 4oz and 18 1/2 inches long! David told us that, "Sara and Paige are doing well. Thank you everyone for your prayers and well wishes!"

**Tim Kearney**, '97, moved to Ohio in 2002, got married in May 07, and is now moving into his new house with wife Carolyn and dog Dugan. Tim is working in sales for a generic pharmaceutical company called Teva Health Systems. Good luck with the move Tim!

**Alexis Lambert**, '92-'94, graduated from the University of Florida with three degrees and is now an attorney in Tallahassee, FL! Phew! She wrote to tell us, "I work for the Attorney General's office in policy development and I love my job. I recently bought my first house and am very excited about it!" That's awesome!

**Elizabeth McClelland**, '98-'99, is getting married? Yep, in July! He is a homebuilder and a carpenter and she's assistant director for the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation in Texas.



**Lindee Meeker**, '01-'02, has officially taken on the camp administrator position at a small private Christian camp in Texas. Lindee said, "The only thing we need are the beautiful mountains and trees!"

**Joseph Roderique**, '02, wrote us, "We are pleased to tell you that we just had our first child! Moira Kathleen Roderique was born on St. Patrick's Day. She and Monica are doing great, but we are all very tired!"

**Sean Soboleski**, '91-'94, wrote, "Jane and I got married May 26th at Black Balsam. We had a beautiful ceremony!" He is in Asheville running the Soboleski Law Firm. Sean also wrote to tell us that he got together with **Husted DeRussy**, '90-'91,

who is also an attorney and practicing in Louisiana. When they met up, they recalled stories from old hikes, especially the one the two of them led up Mt. Mitchell!

**Owen**, '92-'94, '99, '01, and **Casey (Romaguera) Thompson**, '00, '01 have had their 2nd baby! Camille Barry Thompson, born 9/6/07, weighed 6 lbs 9 oz, 20 inches. Don't worry- big brother James is in charge of making sure she has not lost her pacifier.

**Beau (Frank) York**, '04, was married August 25th! He told us this summer that "Yes! I'm getting married! I have fallen in love with a beautiful, intelligent, and Godly woman." That's awesome Beau! Congratulations! We bring glad tidings of great joy. **Tim "Earl" Bailey**, '00, '01, is the acting manager at the radiology clinic. But he has become very active in his church leadership and will complete his 7th mission trip in a year. He writes, "I go to Mexico every three months, went to India in the spring, and will be going to The Dominican Republic in November as

and habits commonly found in teen culture, camp gives hope. One boy said, "I can't wait for camp! The guys in my class can drag me down. At camp I can relax and be myself." We are hearing over and over that camp makes *such* a difference.

## Camp Rep Opportunities

We have a few places available for camp representatives. This has been a sought after role. Please contact us if you would like to represent Kahdalea and Chosatonga in your town. Reps host a video showing, talk about camp, etc. If you think your town already has a representative, contact us anyway. Some towns can have several or we'll keep you in mind if there is an opening.

a leadership trip to setup relationships for future trips. I also serve as the Home Missions HIV/AIDS Coordinator for the church and will be going to the Global Summit on AIDS in California in late November. I am so excited about the work God is doing in my life and where he is choosing to use me! God Bless your ministry. You are changing lives!"

**Bres Burvant**, '94, '99, '01, '02, and past PD, is getting married next year! God bless him. He is in New Orleans working for Clear Channel Communications. She is in real estate. David visited with them and says she's great!

**Kurt Jensen**, '90-'95, '05, married Lindsay Kreblien November 10, 2007! After his last summer with us, Kurt packed up- moved to Jackson Hole and right away met Lindsay at a little bible church called Jackson Hole Community Bible Church! Kurt writes, "It has been amazing to see how much God has blessed us! I can't wait to see how He is going to bless our marriage as well!" Congratulations! Wish we could have been there!

**Polly Eustis Carr**, '95, '96, '98, '99, writes, "I do indeed miss the mountains and sometimes dream of packing up and escaping Louisiana life for a while! I am currently working as an RN at St. Tammany Parish Hospital and I also started graduate school to become a Family Nurse Practitioner." Her graduation will be in the Spring of 2010! Hang in there Polly! You'll be awesome!

**Kate Weaver**, '85-'96, '02, married Robert Finkel right here in Cashiers, NC this fall! **Sarah Wheelless**, '02, **Krissie Weaver**, '86-'89, '90-'92 and **Lulu Cosby**, '87-'96, '98, were all attendants! Lulu said she approves and that she thinks we would be very happy with Kate's choice! "It was a beautiful wedding and it was wonderful to be back in North Carolina." Lulu is in Indianapolis working in real estate with the F.C. Tucker Company. The day Lulu emailed us about Kate is the same day she got engaged! She was really happily surprised! Lulu also writes that her sister, **ML Cosby**, '90-'97-'02, is great! She's in graduate school in Indianapolis and is studying the Not-for-Profit style of fundraising. Good luck ML!

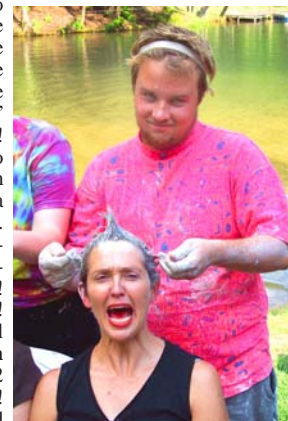
**Rebecca (Austin) Kidder**, '99, '01, loved the article posted about Kids and Nature and highly recommends this great read: [Last Child in the Woods](#) by Richard Louv. Rebecca wrote, "I appreciate every single aspect of my camp experience and treasure it. I've made my favorite friends from camp." We cant' wait for 2-year old Lilly to be able to come to camp!

**Rob**, '01-'03, and **Maggie**, '99-'03, **Williams** are awesome! Maggie graduated from Roswell High (Georgia's state football champs!). She is a freshman at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with straight A's. That's awesome! She's majoring in Economics and French and planning to study abroad next year. Rob is driving! He is a sophomore at Roswell High, playing lacrosse year round as goalie, and honing in his ping pong skills in hopes of someday beating his dad! We love the Williams!

**Katie (Bates) Shields**, '92-'95, '97-'99, '01-'02, has had another precious gem! Rori Jewel Cecilia was born October 25, 2007 at 8 pounds 2 oz and 20.5 inches!! Merry Christmas from big sister Lucy, and mom and dad Stewart and Katie!

## Grapevine...continued from Page 4

Award for her strength and work ethic on the Cross Country Team (of 170 Jr. High kids)!!! **Mary Margaret Bernard**, the same day, got the Character Award for making good choices. No doubt, that summer training at Kahdalea pays off!! Right **Jan Bernard** !!! **Melissa Broadwell** and **Sarah Levine** met up during Thanksgiving break and reminisced over their beloved Camp Kahdalea. They were remembering when **Clair** and **Chandler Willis** were camp sweethearts. Now they are happily married with a beautiful baby girl. They look forward to meeting up with them over Christmas. Melissa is professionally playing with horses in Huntsville and has named her solo boat "Pepin", while Sarah is finishing up at LSU and spending summers in North Carolina paddling and working with NOC- with her loyal solo boat- "Aquemini". **John** and **Michael English** are heading into North Carolina for a visit! Their mom Alison writes, "Our sons had some wonderful summers with you all!" We hope you come visit! We'd love to see you all! **Luke Anderson** is living in Brooklyn, NY pursuing a career in acting and stand up comedy! He loves Brooklyn and loves what he's doing! New York is a great place for him! Go Luke! We love you and are rooting/praying for you! I want to give you an anecdote: **Joe Carleton**'s mom writes Joe and I went on a Mom and Son trip to New York last week. Before we went, Joe asked me if he should write a Will (!). I told him he could but didn't need to. He said he wants to be buried in his Chosatonga tee shirt in North Carolina! Oh, dear.

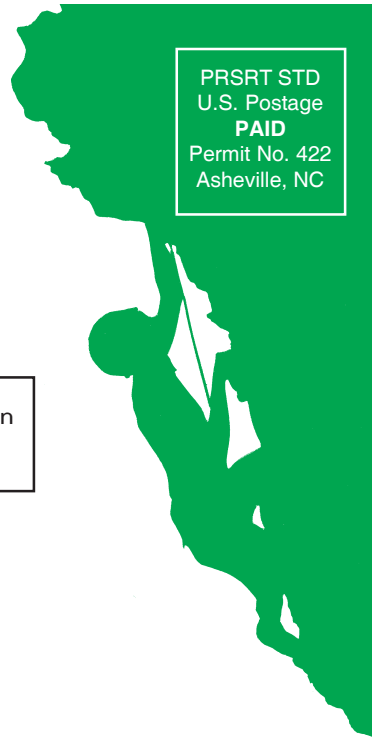


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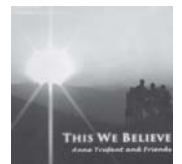
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