June is Leave-a-Legacy Month!

Promote Your Passion

Across the country, people from all walks of life are celebrating Leave a Legacy month this June by remembering their favorite charities with a legacy gift. Their gifts take many forms:

♦ Bequests
♦ Retirement plan and life insurance beneficiary designations
♦ Charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder Trusts

Surprise Lake Camp is participating, too! Through the Grinspoon Institute’s Create a Jewish Legacy program, camp is receiving advice, coaching, and incentive funding to help us secure legacy gifts (bequests) from loyal alumni and donors.

To learn more about leaving your own legacy, call 212-924-3131 or visit http://tinyurl.com/1902Society
Message from the President

Spring is finally in the air and that means another camp season is almost upon us! As our wonderful staff readies SLC, allow me to bring everyone up to date on what’s new and improved for the summer of 2009. I begin with the renovation and winterization of the old Gardens’ Lodge, which is now named the Henshel Lodge and is now fashioned after the successful design of Journey’s Way’s lodge. This will allow for more year round use of camp! On the Teenside softball field, everyone will be able to challenge the new “Blue Monster.” This right-field home run wall was designed to mimic the famous “short porch” of Yankee Stadium! Of course, with the addition of the lights last year, night games are now going to be even more exciting!

The 2008 Alumni Drive brought in a record $152,000! Thank you to everyone who contributed! The dedication and charitable nature of our alumni is a major reason that SLC has managed to thrive for over one hundred years. The goal this year is $180,000. Please consider a pledge or gift now so we are guaranteed to be successful in 2009! The donor form can be found on page 15.

Our Alumni events calendar is very busy. Details about all of the following can be found in this issue of Re-Echoes, or by contacting me. On May 16th-17th, 2009, the Spring Overnight Party will be returning to camp after a hiatus. This year’s Alumni Day will be Sunday, August 2nd, 2009 and of course, the famous “night before party” will once again take place at the nostalgic Fishkill Bowling Alley. Please also mark your calendar for the Labor Day Family Weekend (9/4-9/7) and our Rosh Hashanah Service (9/20). The 7th Annual Golf Outing will tee off on September 14th, 2009 and the popular Hike-A-Thon will be held on October 18th, 2009. I hope that everyone will try to make it to one, if not all of these events!

To date, we have 150 annual members and 320 lifetime members of the Alumni Association. This year’s resolution is to double both memberships! This is certainly a lofty goal but at the same time, most attainable. In the past year, we have had an overwhelming reconnection of alumni to SLC. Alumni gatherings, word of mouth, and, of course, Facebook, have brought countless alumni back together. I am now asking all former campers and staff to help SLC by joining the Alumni Association. The annual membership is $25 and the one-time lifetime membership is $180. The dues form is also on page 15.

There are so many ways that you, as an alumnus of SLC, can help camp. Many of these do not necessarily require a monetary gift. In these uncertain economic times you can give back to SLC with a donation of your time or service. The Alumni Association is always seeking volunteers for its events. I hope that will soon include you!

See you all in camp!

Joe Goldberg, President, SLC Alumni Association, Goldnglich@aol.com

ALUMNI NEWS

☆ Mazel Tov to Seth Stein and Aimee Lipman who were engaged on February 12, 2009.

☆ In the fall, many of our families were asked to complete a “Customer Centric Survey” about Surprise Lake Camp online. Completing this survey made families eligible for a cash prize. We are pleased to announce that the Wayne Family was one of the winners of this drawing and chose to donate their prize money to Surprise Lake Camp’s Eddie Cantor Ice Cream Fund. THANK YOU!

Congratulations to camper Jackie Miskanic and her band, Jersey Kidz, who have been chosen to perform at Bamboozle! They are making history as the youngest band ever to play there!

The Bamboozle is an annual rain-or-shine, two-day music festival held in New Jersey. Every year, new bands compete for spots at this show, which includes 350 bands. This is Jersey Kids’ chance to perform in front of 80,000 fans, alongside huge acts like Fall Out Boy, No Doubt, and more!

For more information visit: http://www.thebamboozle.com/bamboozle/home.php. GOOD LUCK, JACKIE!

☆ Our condolences to the Krauthamer family on the passing of Jules Krauthamer in March. Jules was a Winter Camper from 1946-1948, and his four children, Terri, Amy, Marni, & Roy, all attended SLC.

☆ Our condolences to the family of Ron Kerstein who passed away in March. Ron worked at SLC in the 1950’s.

☆ Our condolences to Elias Goldstein and his family on the loss of his mother.

☆ Our condolences to Alix Comeau and her family on the loss of her mother.
Just a very short story. I was born in 1952 in NYC and was raised by a single mother (no easy feat in 1952). I spent more than 8 years attending Surprise Lake Camp for next to nothing (based on my mom's income). A few summers I went for the 1st and 3rd sessions, and my mom saved dimes and quarters to send me.

While I haven't maintained any connections with people, those times were the happiest times of my life: performing on the Eddie Cantor Stage, the first time I ever fished, went boating, the "raids on the girls tents," drinking bug juice, and getting yelled at for occasionally making up our own prayers at mealtimes.

My wife is currently disabled and my income was cut this past year by over 35%. I can only afford to send $25, but I feel I have to do something. It's not much, and when I can I will send more, but you need to know that SLC (even at age 56) gave me the best memories of my life. Mr. Melzer was a Godsend back then, and I keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Bob Feger
xnysmokie@yahoo.com

PS— I fell in "love" for the first time at camp, and although the girl didn't have any clue at all who I was, I remember her name like it was yesterday!

Hi everyone! My family and I are in the middle of trying to figure out what to do. My little brother, David, who is now 19, has always been sick. He got a kidney transplant about 4 years ago. That kidney did not work and now he is on dialysis 4 times a week. My aunt was trying to donate a kidney to him but she ended up being unable to, which she found out at her very last test! Needless to say my family is not doing too well and my brother is super bummed out. We are hoping and praying for another kidney really, really soon.

Please understand that G-d has blessed each and every one of us with TWO kidneys. Healthy human beings only need ONE to live. If you're thinking of donating, the surgery that is required is not life threatening. For more information about being a kidney donor, please visit http://www.livingdonorsonline.org

David's blood type is A+, so if you are an O- or A+, you could potentially be a match!

If anyone knows anything that can be done for him, or knows anyone who can donate or any group we can join that can help my family, please let me know.

Thank you all so much,
Jenna Pasternak
Jenna.pasternak@gmail.com
SLC Camper in the 1990's

For prayers, my brother's Hebrew name is Dovid Yecheskel ben Sara Rivkah.

Camp is always looking for donated items. Money not spent on goods is spent on scholarships so children can come and enjoy the sunshine at camp! As always, your donations are tax deductible. We are currently looking for the following:

* Golf Carts
* Linens
* Laptop Computers (Windows XP or higher)
* Cars or Vans in good condition (12 passengers or smaller)
* Outdoor furniture, especially Adirondack chairs, benches & picnic tables
* Working laser printers
* Hospital Beds
* Portable GPS Systems
* Batteries (new)
* Telescopes
* Baseball/Softball Gloves

THINGS WE NEED

**Spring 2009**
This third and final segment pertains to the founding of the Surprise Lake Camp Alumni Association, which is proudly celebrating its 48th year in operation. One day back in the fall of 1960, I received a postcard from Henny Cohen, who had retired as Head Counselor of SLC, and Dean of Boys and Basketball Coach at Seward Park High School. He wanted to have a meeting with a few former staff members and campers to discuss organizing an Alumni Association. It was decided to have a kickoff banquet in early 1961 to invite as many former SLC’ers as possible. I wish I could describe to you what a wonderful event that was, and what a thrill it was to see so many people that I had not seen in several years. The banquet was a big success, and, as a result, the SLC Alumni Association became a reality.

When the Alumni Association was organized in 1961, I was the youngest member at that time by approximately ten years. I was also married to Louise on October 22, 1961, and I was proud to have Asher and Shirley Melzer at my wedding. As the years went by I assumed several positions in the Alumni Association, including Editor of Re-Echoes, Third, Second, and first Vice President, and finally President. There were many Charter Alumni members who were an important part of the Alumni Association in those early years. Several Alumni members went to winter camp and summer camp as far back as the teens, 20’s, and the 30’s. We used to have Alumni Board Meetings every month at the SLC New York City office at 31 Union Square West. Before every meeting, many of us always enjoyed getting together for dinner at a local restaurant, at the corner of 16th Street & Broadway. Henny Cohen was our first President for seven years, and he successfully guided us as we planned and organized many events. We also had frequent Alumni get-togethers at the Federation Building on East 59th Street, or at the 92nd Street “Y.” One of our biggest fundraisers every spring was our annual weekend at one of the well-known hotels in the Catskills. Those of us who got together always enjoyed this wonderful social event. Of course, the one event we always looked forward to was Alumni Day, which we used to have on the last Sunday in June. During our first ten years, the Alumni Association contributed many physical and monetary donations to the camp, and we celebrated our tenth Anniversary by erecting Alumni Hall, which still proudly stands by the Main Waterfront.

One thing that I always wanted to see happen was for the Alumni Association was to be able to attract many new, younger Alumni members than we had when our organization was first chartered. Let me tell you that this was not an easy objective to attain. Now it is so wonderful to see all the new former campers and staff members that are currently active members of our Alumni Association. I know that Henny Cohen, and all our Charter Alumni members, would be proud of how much our current Alumni Association has accomplished in recent years, and how far we have come since we first started back in 1961.

I would like to conclude this article by personally thanking Jordan Dale for all he has done to keep the spirit of Surprise Lake Camp alive. In the twenty-three years Jordan has been Camp Director, we can all be proud of how far SLC and the Alumni Association have come in working together to serve the children of the New York Metropolitan area.

I would also like to thank Celia Baczkowski for encouraging me to write about my memories of SLC. In addition to serving as Editor of Re-Echoes, Celia does so much for SLC and the Alumni Association. I can’t think of a better way to end this segment than to repeat the first line of my first article, and that is, “Nestled ‘neath the shady tree lies our camp so dear.” SLC will always have a special place in all our hearts.

Al Elkins, Past President, SLC Alumni Association
It’s Rosh Hashanah 2009

Come celebrate the new year at Surprise Lake Camp!

Once again Surprise Lake Camp is offering its campers, staff, alumni, and Board members the opportunity to celebrate the High Holiday of Rosh Hashanah in the most beautiful synagogue we know, right here at Surprise Lake Camp. This program is designed for people who don’t do anything for the holidays and feel like they should or for people who are looking for an alternative to a traditional temple service.

The day will include a relevant, meaningful, child friendly Surprise Lake service surrounded by camp’s natural beauty. Following the service, activities will be offered for both children and adults, including such things as a reflective nature walk, an art project, storytelling & games, group discussions, yoga & meditation, and text study.

And what Jewish Holiday would be complete without a festive meal?

Date: Saturday, September 19

Time: Service will begin at 9:45 am.

Refreshments will be served at 9:00 am.

Place: Surprise Lake Camp, Cold Spring, NY

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 17th!

Four easy ways to do it:

BY MAIL: c/o Surprise Lake Camp Rosh Hashanah, 307 7th Ave.—Suite 900, NY, NY 10001
BY PHONE: 212-924-3131
BY FAX: 212-924-5112
BY E-MAIL: celia@surpriselake.org

When RSVPing, please include the following information:

Your Name: ___________________________ Email: ______________________________

Phone Number: ________________________

Names & ages of others in your party: (if adult, write “adult”)

Guest 1: ___________________________ Age: _______

Guest 2: ___________________________ Age: _______

Guest 3: ___________________________ Age: _______

Guest 4: ___________________________ Age: _______

Please Note:

It costs camp money and resources to provide this program free of charge to the SLC community. In lieu of a fee, we ask those who participate to please make a contribution to camp of an amount they see fit. Contributions can be made before or after Sept. 19th, but camp staff will not handle money on the holiday itself. If guests would like to help with set up and cleanup for the event, this can be done in lieu of a contribution.
Who Says You Can’t Live Forever?

Immortality is possible when you Create a Jewish Legacy by joining the 1902 Society!

Your legacy gift ensures that Surprise Lake Camp is provided for—according to your wishes—for generations to come.

There are many ways to ensure a strong future for SLC, and you don’t need cash!

To learn more, please call us at 212-924-3131.

Current Members of The 1902 Society

We are extremely grateful to the following individuals who have made provisions for Surprise Lake Camp in their estate planning.

Anonymous
Walter Arnstein
Celia Baczkowski
Molly & Pat Benton
Howie Berk
Martin Blum
Jordan Dale
David Fleischner
Jane Hersey Cuozzo
Irving Harris
Nancy Hoffman
Alan Hoffman
Chuck Jainchill
Stan Josephson
Alan Kleiman
Jerry Meyer
Jim Meyer
Judy & Michael Margulies
Linda Markowitz
Ruth Messinger
Robin & Larry Rubinstein
Judy & Steve Sails
Harvey Sills
Steve Sommer
Alice & Steve Terner
Barbara & Michael Zbar

Why Become a Member of the 1902 Society?

We’ll let our current members tell you!

I was one of the first to sign up for the 1902 Society. I immediately saw that leaving money to SLC from my estate was a way to ensure I have enough money to live on and take care of myself with, but also afforded me the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy in the form of funds for Surprise Lake Camp. I don’t look on it as taking money from my children, but as a way of providing them with an important legacy in terms of the value of tzedakah in my life.

-Linda Markowitz, Esq.

Joining the 1902 Society took but a moment in terms of the conceptual decision. However, picking the type of gift which I will use will take a little longer to decide.

The conceptual decision was easy because of my feelings towards SLC. I attended camp in the early to mid 1950’s. I was there because of some sort of scholarship, my folks could not afford to send me to camp, and in addition to spending time in two different divisions over several summers I also was privileged to be in Work Camp with our head counselors Ray and Anita Berger. Many people have the same feelings and recollections as I do. Learning to swim and the thrill of passing the deep water test, learning about the outdoors on hikes to Beacon, etc., learning to get along with bunk mates and different personalities, taking up the guitar because of the influence of Pete Seeger at campfires, and especially the feeling of accomplishment in Work Camp as we completed needed projects around camp.

The type of gift is another matter. While there are a number of gift types to choose from, including Trusts and gifts from Retirement Plans, I narrowed it down to the following three:

1. A Bequest from my estate through my will
2. A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)
3. The use of a Life Insurance Policy

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Surprise Lake Camp has played a very important role in the life of my family. My father, my daughters, and my grandson have all been campers—and all but my grandson have been staff members (he’s too young). I was a camper and staff member in the 1950’s. For me SLC was one of the two most formative institutions in my life, the other being my college. I learned cooperation, team spirit, group loyalty, personal Integrity, and how to be Jewish without being “religious” at SLC. So when I retired and started to set up my estate plans with my financial ad-
visor, I discovered that for a small yearly investment, I could establish a Life Insurance Trust with a few of the most important institutions in my life as my beneficiaries. This guar-
anteed that SLC and two other institutions would be supported by me after I died (SLC will get half, and the other two institutions will split the other half). Because of the way the Trust was set up, the premium I had to pay to maintain the Trust became a tax deduction and cost me almost nothing. It makes me feel good to know that when I die, there will be money in the Surprise Lake endowment that will guarantee camper scholarships to those who are in need that I will have provided, just as my father received a scholarship in the 1920’s when he first went to SLC.
-Rabbi Larry Rubinstein

How could I not respond to your request to tell you and the camp’s alums why I joined the 1902 Society? I have, literally, a five generation connection to this wonderful institution and I know my family treasures that connection as well and will be happy to see me leave some money for SLC. My grandfather, Israel Edwin Goldwasser was on the junior board of the 92nd St Y when several young men from that group walked the land that was to become the camp. He became its first board member and served as board chair. My mom subsequently joined the board, was the 13th and first woman board chair and spent some years on federation’s camping commission. I remember early trips to SLC as her daughter, enjoying the outdoors while she and others toured the camp. It seemed natural, many years later, to enroll two of my three children as campers for several summers.

Later, when my mother asked me to join the board I agreed, and it was fun to be at board meetings with her, though it was several years before I had enough time between children and work to invest more energies in the on-going support of and planning for the camp. Then, still later, Larry Rubenstein convinced me to serve a term as board chair, arguing that I should do it while my mother was still alive. I am so glad I accepted when I did because it was just at the end of her life, and I think it made her proud to see me in that role. I had the privilege of serving as chair during the years that camp acquired full title to its own land and was proud to help in that endeavor.

And now, in recent years, my daughter has joined me on the board and two of my grandchildren [with more probably to follow] became enthusiastic SLC campers. Not a bad run….and certainly the reasons for joining the 1902 society.

Ruth W. Messinger, President
American Jewish World Service
Letter of Intent

We hope you will tell us when you have included Surprise Lake Camp in your estate plans. We would very much like the opportunity to say “thank you” for your generosity. Letting us know of your intentions also helps us to be better aware of your particular interests and will allow us to keep you informed of developments at SLC which may be relevant to your planned gift. Recognition of your gift may also inspire generosity in others.

In support of the work of Surprise Lake Camp, I/we want to provide for future generations and to ensure the continuity of the services it provides.

This Letter of Intent represents my/our commitment to Surprise Lake Camp. It does not represent a legal obligation on my/our part and may be changed at any time.

I/We will participate by: (Please check the options you are considering)

☐ Making a bequest in my/our Will or Trust
☐ Investing in a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) with Surprise Lake Camp
☐ Naming Surprise Lake Camp as Beneficiary of a Charitable Remainder or Lead Trust
☐ Naming Surprise Lake Camp as a Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy
☐ Naming Surprise Lake Camp as Beneficiary under a Retirement Plan
☐ Directing my/our Foundation to make annual gifts beyond my/our lifetime(s)

☐ Optional: The amount of my/our planned gift is: $______________ or _____% of my/our estate.

☐ I/We intend to include Surprise Lake Camp in my/our estate plans by the following date: ______________

☐ I/We wish to become a member of the 1902 Society but wish to remain anonymous

Name(s) as you would like it (them) to appear (for Anonymous, please check the box above):
____________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ________ Zip: ____________

Phone: (            )_________________________  Email address: _________________________

Signature: ________________________________  Date: _____________________
COME SAIL AWAY ... WITH SLC!

We are thrilled to offer our first trip to the Caribbean in December 2009. Join us for 5 nights of non-stop fun with friends and family. It will be an experience you remember for years to come!

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Call Now - Space is limited!!!

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All cabin rates are per person based on double occupancy; triple and quad cabins are on a request basis. Rates are per person. Government taxes and fees are subject to change.

Deposits
Deposit Due by May 15: $100.00 per person
Balance Due by: September 27

Cancellation Policy
90 days: Deposit is forfeited     29-8 days: 50%    7 days or less: 100%

*Fares shown in U.S. dollars. Offers apply to select sailing(s). Fares are cruise only, per person, based on double occupancy. Government taxes and fees are additional. Onboard service charges are additional and will be automatically added to your onboard account, and are subject to your discretion. See ncl.com for details. IMPORTANT NOTICE: NCL is suspending the company's fuel supplement for all voyages departing in 2009. The Company reserves the right to re-instate the fuel supplement for all guests should the price of light sweet crude oil according to the NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange Index) increase above $65 per barrel. Offers are based on availability, capacity controlled, not combinable with other offers, subject to change or cancellation without notice, and may be withdrawn at any time. Other restrictions apply. NCL is not responsible for typographical errors or omissions. Ships' Registry: BAHAMAS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ©2008 NCL Corporation Ltd. Travel Agency disclaimer: Rates are on US funds and includes NCF.

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SLC Cruise
c/o Joel Kaufman (aka Whammy)
212-10 16th Avenue
Bayside, NY 11360

Surprise Lake Camp Alumni Cruise (Deposit Due by May 15th!)

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Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______
Telephone Number: Work: ______________________ Cell: ______________________ H: ______________________
E-Mail Address: ___________________________

Cabin Preference: (circle one) Inside Ocean View Balcony Suite
Special Requests: (circle one) Disabled Twin Beds Queen/King Bed Other: __________
Explain: ___________________________
Special Dietary Needs: ___________________________

Payment Information
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Authorization to Charge Credit Card
I hereby authorize Norwegian Cruise Lines to charge a deposit of $100.00 per passenger.
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The Winter Camp Scholarship Fund was started in 1998 by a group of Winter Camp Alumni. The fund was set up as an endowment for the purpose of providing scholarship support for campers. The following special Winter Camp Alumni supported this fund in 2008:

Bernard (Pat) Benton
Ben Gordon
Ben Gulko
Bernard Hulkower

Helene & Victor Krauthamer
Bernard Patrusky
Seymour Wittek

This fund pays for camp's annual award given to the most outstanding male and female athletes on Teenside and helps to fund camper scholarships. The following special Winter Camp Alumni supported this fund in 2008:

Bernard (Pat) Benton
Ben Gordon
Ben Gulko
Bernard Hulkower

Helene & Victor Krauthamer
Bernard Patrusky
Seymour Wittek

JEFF HERMAN FUND

This fund pays for camp's annual award given to the most outstanding male and female athletes on Teenside and helps to fund camper scholarships. Jeff Herman was a beloved Surprise Lake camper who became a New York City policeman and was tragically killed in the line of duty. The following people made contributions to this fund in 2008:

Estelle & Herbert Adler
Michael Berk
Bebe Herman
Arthur Jakubowitz

Sy Lasher
Arnold Mazur
Billy Newman
Robert Schecter

Vivian Milstein
Stephen Nitkin
Aurora Pritzker
The Raizes & Schwartz Families
Deborah Rose
Mrs. Frederick P. Rose
Roger Sachs
The Shmerler Levy Family
Steve Sommer
Jeff Spiegel
Aviva Spring Foundation
Mandy Storfer
Barbara & Mike Zbar

We are grateful for the Henshel Family & Audrey Pritzker for donating the seed money for this campaign, and to the following donors for their participation with gifts or pledges of $5,000 or more:

Estelle & Herbert Adler
The Allman Brothers
Samuel Altman
The SLC Alumni Association
Moe Bordwin
Renee Borchardt
CCUSA
Jordan Dale
Mel Finkelstein
Harold Grinspoon
Brandon Ralph & Daniel Gardner/Code & Theory
The Kermit Gittenstein Foundation
(facilitated by Jay Jacobs)
Jill & Butch Goldsmith

Ben Gordon
Stephen Gordon
The Greenbaum Family
Dayle, Joy & Patti Henshel
Hirsch Family
Hoffman Family
Amy & Bruce Jaffe
Stan Josephson
Ele Klein in memory of Bernie Klein
The Lubin & Aglietti Families
Judy & Mike Margulies
Linda Markowitz
The Messinger & Hayes-Messinger Families
Lee Meyer
Roslyn Milstein & Jerry Meyer
Each December, we send a mailing to our camper families entitled “One Night of Hanukkah, One Summer of Memories.” We ask campers and their parents to give up one night of Hanukkah presents and instead make a contribution to camp. We are pleased to announce that this effort raised over $650 for camper scholarships. We are grateful to the following families who demonstrated the Jewish value of helping others so beautifully. We hope even more families will participate this December!

And more "thank you's" to:

- Billie Schwartz, our angel, for her extraordinary generosity.
- Haylynn Cohen, Chuck Jainchill, Lee Meyer & Steve Burke for sponsoring the 2008 Staff Banquet.
- Douglas Sacks for sponsoring the 2008 camper contingent from Poland.
- Harris Ghersin for the windows he replaced around camp.
- Jonathan Cohen & Rachel Cooper who collected over $23,000 at their B’nai Mitzvah, and with the help of UJA-Federation’s Give a Mitzvah-Do a Mitzvah program, enabled Israeli kids to attend SLC in 2008.
- The 2008 Golf Outing Participants and Supporters. (see page 12 for a full donor list)
- Mike Zbar and the Golf Outing Committee without whom the event would never happen.
- Jane Hershey Cuozzo & Steve Cuozzo for obtaining so many terrific gift certificates for our Golf Outing Auction.
- The 2008 Hike-A-Thon Participants and Supporters.
- Michael “Satch” Saunders for running basketball clinics for our campers.
- The Pollet Family for purchasing t-shirts for the Girls Hockey Team.
- Ken Seligson and Jersey Lynne Farms for their donation of Poland Spring Water for Alumni Day.
- Joe Goldberg for sponsoring the Hike-A-Thon Breakfast.
- The Alumni Association and its volunteers for organizing the clothing sales on Visiting Days and Alumni Day.
- Just Born, Inc. for their fantastic and “sweet” donation of over 20 cases of Mike & Ike’s candy and Peanut Chews chocolate.
- All the wonderful volunteers who help out on Docks Weekends, Visiting Days, and Volunteer Days.
- Jeremy Abrams for starting the Seth Fishman Hockey Fund, and those who contributed to it in 2008: Justin Bank, Seth & Lori Fishman, Jared Kramer, Craig Kramer.

IN-KIND GIFTS


HONOR GIFTS

Surprise Lake Camp received gifts in honor of the following people in 2008: Lee Kaplan, Steven Bleiberg, Mike Zbar, Lynn & Jules Kroll, Sheryl Kirschbaum, Laurie Dobkin, Sam Carcamo, Jaime Zuckerberg, Alicia Fischweicher, Lorence Dipolitto, Richie Zbar, Nate Cahn, Robert Berk, Max Robkoff, Yasin Yaar, Becca Cook, Diane Weiner, Jordan Watts, Mara Rudinstein-Tanzman and Jeff & Noah Tanzman, Dr. Michael Bush, Jay Bernstein, David Fleischner, Diana Wailerstein & Camp Scatico, Jordan Dale, Edward Berk, Larry Rudinstein, Steven Rod, Danya Birnbaum, Mrs. Joshua Grauer, Rabbi Claire, Mark Benmoise, FR 15 Counselors

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Surprise Lake Camp received gifts in memory of the following people in 2008: Jack Forgacs, Rose Wasserman, Mr. Newman, The Estate of Gertrude Sanders, Stephen Silverman, Arnold Haft, Sam Peyer, Martin & Lillian Rubert, Aaron Morris, Joan Bernstein, lene & Harold Hoffer, Adam Arbitman, Barbara Markowitz, Kyle Walsh, David Sedacca, Carol Greif Saltz, James Heller, Walter Tannenbaum, Aaron Ehrlich

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Surprise Lake Camp would like to mention the following vendors who supported our Scholarship Fund in 2008: AM Skier, Burke Electrical Contractors, John Neubauer/Audio Visual Productions, JTR Transportation Corporation, Pidala Oil Company, Security & Safety Training, Three River Canoe Corporation, West Point Tours, Inc.

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Surprise Lake Camp wishes to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Board of Directors of the camp. These volunteers constantly work to ensure that camp remains the Best in Jewish Camping. In 2008, the Board contributed a total of $435,000 in annual and capital gifts to SLC. We are proud that we have one of the best non-profit boards in the US!
The gifts listed below were made between February 1, 2008 and July 31, 2008 to our annual Alumni Drive (totaling $152,000) as well as Board of Governors (totaling $60,000). We are very grateful to everyone for their generous giving.

We are very grateful to everyone for their generosity. The SLC Alumni Association wishes to especially thank:

*Indicates Lifetime Member of the Alumni Association

### Breakneck Circle of Giving
$5,600 or more (up to $45,000)

- Jerry Meyer
- SLC Alumni Association

### Hudson Overlook Circle of Giving
$3,000 or more (up to $5,600)

- Moe Bordwin
- "Neil Diamond" (totaling $60,000)
- Peter Hirsch
- Stan Josephson
- Ruth Messinger

### Hinterlands Circle of Giving
$1,500 or more (up to $3,000)

- Cheryl & Jeff Coopersmith
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- Jonathan Miller
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$770 or more (up to $1,500)

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- Barbara Hirsch
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- The Hoffer-Samori Families in memory of Ilene & Hal Hoffer
- Marshall Hubsher in honor of Lillian & Sydney Hubsher
- Kathy & Mel Kalichman

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- Linda Kane
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- Lee Meyer
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- Jessica Pollner
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- Eve Rentzer & Marc Rentzer
- Robin & Larry Rubinstein
- Bernard Saidel
- Herb Skovronek
- Roz Sorkin in memory of Harry W. Sorkin
- Jennifer Stein

### Four Days ($440) at Camp or more (up to $550)

- Anonymous
- Mara Rubinstein-Tanzman & Jeffrey Tzanzman
- Susan Spencer
- Sharon Manewitz in memory of Eva Kohn and Margaret Haber
- Zaref Family in memory of Elliot Zaref
- Harvey Osher in memory of William "Billy Boy" Osher

### Five Days ($550) at Camp or more (up to $770)

- Anonymous
- Jason Bailis
- Alex Berger
- Donna Cohen Ross
- Scott Ehrlich in memory of Aaron Ehrlich
- Matt Gruber
- Bruce Haber
- Heidi & Bruce Katz
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- Steven Moses in memory of Stephen Silverman
- Robin & Danny Muskin in memory of Leon Muskin
- Lee Reingold
- Bruce Rubinger
- Mark Segal
- Steve Sommer
- Lisa Stulberger
- Susan & Matthew Tratner

### Three Days ($330) at Camp or more (up to $440)

- Anonymous
- Tracie Basch
- Jeff Berk
- Michael Bush
- Club Getaway
- Seth & Lori Fishman
- Melanie Fleischman
- Elliot Gemunder
- Stuart Karten
- Carrie & Dave Kerpen
- Sheryl Kirschenbaum
- Stuart Rachlin

### Two Days ($220) at Camp or more (up to $330)

- Anonymous
- Estelle & Herbert Adler
- Marilyn Bailis & Jerry Mark
- Howie Berk
- Thomas Berner
- Carolyn & John Canova
- Michael Cohen
- Beverly Crespi
- Beth Drefach
- Michael Fandal
- Amy Goldberg
- Jennifer Goldstein in memory of Stacey Landel
- Richard Gordon
- Jodie Gross
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- Abraham Rubin
- Robert Schecter
- Ira Schreck
January 31, 2009. This listing includes alumni who made gifts and Members who made gifts to the annual Board Campaign generosity. Surprise Lake Camp also wishes to express its contributed over $43,000 to Surprise Lake Camp during 2008! of the Alumni Association

Two Days at Camp continued . . .

Brandon Sherman
*Robert Steinhardt
Joshua Stern
*Ilana Sussman

One Day ($110) at Camp or more
(up to $220)

Anonymous
Joseph Abeles
*Steven Allen
*Debra Asher-Zitrin & Anthony Zitrin
Celia Baczkowski
Helaine Banner
Rachel Baron
Amy Beaumont
Janeen Bellafore Levine
*Adam Benmoise
*Matt Berk
*Michael Berk
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Abe Greenberg
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*Andrea & Arthur Gruber
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*Space & Gene Kelly
*Daniel Kimmel
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*Avri Klemier
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Janet & Irwin Moskowitz
Billy Newman
*Shelli & Larry Olinsky
*Jerry Person
*Sheila & Ken Pollet
*Robert Rosenberger
*Judy & Steven Sails
*Nathan Salant
*Jean & Phil Schneider
Henry Schoenfeld
*Karen & Kenneth Schwartzberg
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Julia & Mike Seltzer
Allan Shepp
Craig Solomon
*Lori Spechler
Randi Sperber
*Aliza Spiegel Aseoff
*Jerry Statman
*Francine & Robert Stein
*Michael “Kiwi” Swan
*Jamie Umans
*Sanford Victor

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Bert Balaban
Nalita Balram
Jalyne Bassell
Joseph Baumoele
Max Baustin
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Stacey Berkowitz
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Jan Blau
Martin Blum
Sue Bookchin
Sheri & Nils Bordoff
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Michele DiRuggerio
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Amie Ettinger
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David Fox
Ken Freedman
Robert Friedland
Marissa Garfinkel
Melissa Gordon
Amy & Arnold Graber
*Robert Grader
Dave Green
Shira & Evan Greenblatt
Gail Gremse &
David Rose
*Michael Gutenplan in honor of Jennifer Weitz
Davida Haber
Leon Halio in memory of
Moses Halio
*Gwen & Larry Hamberg
Walter Handelman
Allison & Michael Heitzner
Thelma & Sanford Hochberg
Annie & Ari Hoffnung
Howard Horder
Devon Isaacsen

Jeffrey Jackel
*Michele Jacobson
*Ira Jaffe
Robertta Jainchill
Susie Jainchill &
Tsayi Gelardin
Jeanne Kaiser in honor of
Ed Berk's 90th Birthday
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Rachel Karyo
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Brad Kessler
Daniel Kitzes
*Nathan Kolodney
Madeleine & Edward
Koransky
Bernie Kosberg
Elihu Kover
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David Lansky
*Marty Laster
Harriet Linder
Stephen Lissberger
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Caryl & Mike Melasky
*Bruce Melzer
Gayle Mestel in memory of
Elaine & Joel Mestel
Jim Meyer
Keith Miller
Michael Mokotoff
Maya Moritz
Karen Morrison
Al Noe
Joey Novick
Sarah Onstott
Pasichow Family
George Penchina
*Joanne & Adam Pomerantz
Lee Posniack
*Charles Wasserman
*Wendy & Stuart Waxman
Howard Weissberger
*Lior Yahalomi

*Jordana Zbar in memory of
Lillian & Martin Rubert
*Barbara & Mike Zbar
Shelly Zuckerman
AJ Retig
*Michael Rieger
Dara Robikfer
Brian Rock
Janet & Donald
Rosenthal
*Sherry & Steve Rubin
Deborah & Michael
Samori
MTA Employees
Murray Schwartz
Joyce Schwartz in honor of
Susan, Matt &
Ian Tratner
Barbara Schwarz
*Ben Segen
Dovelet Shashou &
Jonathan Trambert
Shomrim Society
Gary Silverman
Michael Singer
*Felice Solomon
Leonard Spiegel
Mrs. Ethel Stern
Adele Stern
Joan Sternberg
Dena Stevenson
Joshua Suchow
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Shauna Tannenbaum
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David Mark
Friedman
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Dave Tratner & The NY Jets
Matt Tratner
Melissa Vogel
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Michael & Barbara Zbar
2009 Alumni Drive and Dues Form

Did you know that . . .
☐ All gifts are fully tax deductible?
☐ All money raised directly benefits camper scholarships?
☐ You may be eligible to have your gift matched by your company?
☐ Surprise Lake Camp accepts contributions in memory or in honor of someone?
☐ You can make a gift of securities, donate a vehicle, or make a bequest in your will?
☐ You can support camp by having your credit card billed monthly?

Please call the SLC Development Office at (212) 924-3131 to inquire or make a gift today!

Please help us to confirm our records by completing the following:

Name: ___________________________  Maiden Name: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________________________  City: __________________ State: _____  Zip: ____________
Birthdate: __________  Occupation: __________________  Dates/Years at Camp: __________________
Email Address: ___________________________________________  Phone: __________________

Alumni Drive:  Gifts to the Alumni Drive are used to support this year’s scholarships. This is camp’s greatest current need.
Alumni Dues: Used to pay for Alumni reunions, scholarships sponsored by the Alumni Association, and other functions that support camp. Membership entitles Alumni to be kept informed of alumni events, receive quarterly Re-Echoes and receive a discount at Alumni activities for which a fee is charged. All members will receive a membership card and calendar of events.
Alumni Association/Henny Cohen Scholarship Fund: This money goes toward an endowment to provide for future scholarships.
Jeff B. Herman Memorial Fund: Pays for camp’s annual award given to the most outstanding male and female athletes on Teenside and helps to fund camper scholarships. Jeff Herman was a beloved Surprise Lake Camper who became a New York City policeman and was tragically killed in the line of duty.

Please Complete:

Annual Alumni Fundraising Drive—“Send a Child to Camp” (Please circle one)

The Breakneck Circle $6,200 or more  The Bald Spot Circle $800 or more  3 Days at camp $345
The Hudson Overlook Circle $3,200 or more  5 Days at camp $575  2 Days at camp $230
The Hinterlands Circle $1,600 or more  4 Days at camp $460  1 Day at camp $115

Alumni Association Dues
$180 Lifetime, $25 Annual...........  $____________________

Alumni Association/Henny Cohen Scholarship Fund ........... $____________________
Jeff B. Herman Memorial Fund ............ $____________________
Other Fund: _________________________________ ....... $____________________

Total Amount Enclosed ............ $____________________

☐ Please bill my credit card: (No AMEX, please)
Card Number: ___________________________  Exp. Date: __________  Total Amount to Charge: $___________
Name on Card: ___________________________  Billing Zip Code: _________  Signature: ___________________________

☐ I’d like to make monthly contributions with my credit card. Please bill me on the 1st of each month.
Month to begin: __________  Monthly Amount: $ _______  Total Number of Months: ___  Total Donation Amount: $ _______

☐ I prefer to save paper & postage. Please email me my acknowledgment letter. (please include email address above)

☐ I request that my gift be listed as “anonymous.”

☐ I would like to speak with an Alumni fundraiser and/or member of Surprise Lake Camp’s professional staff about a special gift.

SURPRISE LAKE CAMP ALUMNI FUNDRAISING POLICY: The Alumni Association is aware that some organizations raise money by bombarding donors with phone calls and mailings. We find this offensive. We ask our alumni for two things each year: annual dues and a gift to the Alumni Drive. From time to time, we also do special solicitations for capital projects. While we may send reminders to those who do not respond, we do not resolicit people during the same calendar year if dues have been paid and a gift has been made. In addition, we never give our address list to anyone, and we honor any request by an alumnus to block his/her name from our fundraising mailings.
We are grateful to the following families who have demonstrated their loyalty and dedication to Surprise Lake Camp by making SLC a family tradition!

If you are part of a multi-generational family and would like to be listed here in future newsletters, please email alumni@surpriselake.org. Feel free to send pictures!

Pressman/Jackson Family
Leon Pressman 1930
Lauren Pressman 1971-1974
Stacey Jackson 2004

Helpern Family
Submitted by Laurence Helpern
Laurence Helpern 1971-1977
Melanie Helpern 1971-1978
Matthew Helpern 2001-2005
Stephanie Helpern 2001-2005
Andrew Helpern 2004-2005

Krauthamer Family
Submitted by Terri Abusch
Jules Krauthamer (zl) attended Winter Camp from 1946-1948
Amy 1976-1984 and staff in 1985
Marni 1978-1986 and staff from 1987-1993

Rubenstein Family
Submitted by Mara Rubinstein-Tanzman
Benjamin Rubinstein - Winter Camper
Laurence Rubinstein
Eve Rubinstein
Noah Tanzman 2007-present

Rosenberg Family
Submitted by Fred E. Rosenberg, Esq.
Fred Rosenberg 1971-72
Jordan Rosenberg 1981-1998
Andrew Rosenberg 1999-2005

Rubin Family
Submitted by Darrell Rubin Weinberg
Abraham (Abe) 1938-1941

Spechler Family
Submitted by Lori Wineser Spechler
Carol (Dallob) Wineser 1952 (?)
Lori Wineser Spechler 1974-1978 and 1979-1980
Haley Spechler 2003-2005
Lily Spechler 2005-present

Ben Hollander – 4th Generation camper

Wolff Family
David Wolff (camper/staff in 70’s)
Alison Wolff 2005-present
Rachel Wolff 2007-present

Rutkovsky/Bernstein/Wissner
Anne Rutkovsky and Bernard Bernstein
Daughter Jane Bernstein Wissner
Granddaughters Rachel & Naomi Wissner are current campers

Haber Family
Submitted by Arthur Haber
Art Haber 1962-1966, Staff 1967
Jeffrey Haber 1964 approx
Davi Haber 2005-06, Staff 2007-08

Atwater Family
Submitted by Margie Atwater
Bob Atwater 1973-1980
Ilana Atwater 1998-2005 jubilantly returning as Staff in 2009
Benjamin Atwater 2003-present

Scholarship Fund Spotlight

Did you know that Surprise Lake Camp has over 40 separate scholarship funds? Each fund was set up for a specific purpose or in honor or memory of a special person. Periodically, we spotlight specific funds to let you know more about how they were established and how they help SLC. If you have any questions about a specific scholarship fund, would like to make a contribution to one, or would like to create a new one, please don’t hesitate to call Celia, our Director of Development at 212-924-3131 or email her at celia@surpriselake.org.

The Asher Melzer Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 and is used for camper scholarships. Asher served as the Executive Director of Surprise Lake Camp for 21 years and was the Director of Camping Services at UJA-Federation from 1976 until his retirement in 1993. As the dean of American Jewish camping, he mentored hundreds of professionals and touched the lives of thousands of children with his compassion, integrity, and devotion to the community. Not only did he help a new generation of Jewish children develop pride in their religious and cultural heritage, but he also assisted in establishing a summer camp in Hungary for Jewish children from throughout Eastern Europe.

Spring 2009
Labor Day Weekend
3 days of fun
squeezed into
4 weeks of camp
The Best In Jewish Camping
Surprise Lake Camp
307 Seventh Avenue– Suite 900, New York, NY 10001
212.924.3131
(Sept 1— June 15)
382 Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516
845.265.3616
(June 16— Aug 31)
APPLICATION FOR
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Family Name:  __________________________________  Phone Number:  ______________________
Address:  _______________________  City:  _________________    State:  ______  Zip: ___________
Email: ____________________________________  Vehicle License Plate #:  ____________________
Adult 1 Name:  _________________________  Adult 3 Name:  _________________________
Adult 2 Name:  _________________________  Adult 4 Name:  _________________________
Housing Options
Please check one (turn over for housing descriptions)

____Housing with Private Bathroom
Weekend/3 Nights ($200)     Per Night ($85)     # of Nights  ____
While we do not guarantee houses, if you would like to request a specific house, please do so here:
________________________________
____Housing with Shared Bathroom Under the Same Roof
Weekend/3 Nights ($175)     Per Night ($70)     # of Nights  ____
____ Housing with Toilet & Wash Facilities Nearby
Weekend/3 Nights ($125)     Per Night ($55)     # of Nights  ____  TOTAL $_________
Child 1 Name:  ________________  Age ______     Living in: (circle one)  camper cabin    w/parents
Child 2 Name:  ________________  Age ______     Living in: (circle one)  camper cabin    w/parents
Child 3 Name:  ________________  Age ______     Living in: (circle one)  camper cabin    w/parents
Child 4 Name:  ________________  Age ______     Living in: (circle one)  camper cabin    w/parents
Children 5-15 years of age:
Weekend:  $110 Per Night:  $45
Children under 4 years of age:
Weekend:  $90 Per Night:  $40
TOTAL NUMBER OF ADULTS:  ________     TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN:  _______
TOTAL DUE:  $_________
TOTAL DEPOSIT: $__________
(A DEPOSIT OF $50 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION)
Cancellation Charges:
Before August 15:   $10 Per Person  After August 15: NO REFUND
I would like to pay by:       Visa        Master Card        Discover
Name on card:   __________________________________ Card number   _________________________         Exp. date_______  Your signature:  ____________________________
You may also send a check payable to Surprise Lake Camp to one of the addresses above.
Squeeze your camps in the fun of Jewish camp experiences. It will be the best 4 weeks of your summer, guaranteed.

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Winter Address:
(Sept 1— June 15)
307 Seventh Avenue– Suite 900, New York, NY 10001
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Summer Address:
(Sept 4— Aug 31)
382 Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516
Now is the time to register for LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2009!

Nestled in the heart of the Hudson Valley, Surprise Lake Camp is the perfect setting for the final hurrah of the summer. It is a beautiful place to spend Labor Day Weekend at an affordable price, and only an hour from New York City.

There are activities for children only, for adults only, and for the entire family.

The program offers the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of traditional camp activities including swimming, boating, climbing tower, high ropes, crafts, sports, tennis, hiking, and much more...

Highlights include our highly popular "Country Fair" featuring square dancing, piñata games and fresh popcorn, our "Adults Only" lounge, our ever popular Bar-B-Q, as well as our "sing around the campfire" night, complete with roasting marshmallows.

Have your family join our family and make 2009 the Labor Day you'll always remember! This year promises to be better than ever, and housing is now being allocated on a "first come, first served" basis, so hurry!

If you have any questions, please call us at 212-924-3131 and ask for Sheryl. Alternatively, email Sheryl@surpriselake.org.

DATES:
Dinner on Friday, September 4 through Lunch on Monday, September 7.

ADULT RATES
Housing with Private Bathroom
These cabins and houses are considered the upper-tier housing and are where our summer supervisors stay. All houses have at least one private room that sleeps two with private bathrooms and showers. Houses even have living rooms, family style dining areas, fireplaces, and porches. Each floor has a private room that sleeps two. The open rooms have 12 camper cots and cubbies for clothing and personal property.

Weekend: $200
Per Night: $85

Housing with Shared Bathroom Under the Same Roof
These large, open rooms are in a duplex-style building and during the summer house our youngest campers. For Family Camping Weekend, one family occupies the top floor, another family the bottom floor, and the toilet and showers are on the middle level. Each floor has a private room that sleeps two. The open rooms have 12 camper cots and cubbies for clothing and personal property.

Weekend: $175
Per Night: $70

Housing with Toilet & Wash Facilities Nearby
During the summer, this is where we house our campers who are 11 years of age and up. These small cabins sleep four people and have cubbies for personal property. Three cabins are connected by porches, and a toilet and sink can be found at the end of one. The Unit Washhouse is located nearby.

Weekend: $125
Per Night: $55

CHILD RATES
Children 5-15 years of age
Weekend: $110
Per Night: $45

Children under 4 years of age
Weekend: $90
Per Night: $40

The rate for children includes childcare during the day. Additional cost includes meals. Meals may be provided at an additional cost.

There is a facilities fee of $25 per family for those who want to spend only the day in camp. No guests will be permitted on camp grounds without paying this fee. This fee does not include meals.

Tips for exemplary staff members are encouraged.

The age for children includes children during the day.

**SAMPLE SCHEDULE**

Now is the time to register for LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2009!
2009 Volunteer Day Pictures!

Thank you to the close to 200 awesome volunteers who came out for a record-breaking hot day to help prepare camp for the Summer of 2009! Here are some great snapshots of the day taken by the one and only Whammy.

From an email received Sunday evening:
I have been so lucky in my professional life to have been a part of two great organizations that do amazing work with kids: KIPP NYC and Surprise Lake Camp. Today I had the amazing pleasure of bringing the two worlds together as I brought four KIPPsters to Surprise Lake Camp’s Volunteer Day.

Ashley (KIPP STAR Class of 2012), Nafi (KIPP Academy Class of 2013), Abby (KIPP Academy Class of 2013), and Tracey (KIPP Academy Class of 2013) spent the day with wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, and pitchfork as well as a tremendous amount of Grit, Empathy, and Curiosity spreading woodchips all over the Surprise Lake low ropes course, climbing tower, and playground. Watching four kids give up their Sunday to give a day of tough physical labor to a place they had never been was truly inspiring.

The highlights…

· Nafi refusing to take a water break until three more wheelbarrows of mulch had been moved to an element
· Abby raking and shooing insects non-stop from 9:30 until lunch
· Tracey 5 minutes in saying, “Everyone is so nice here”
· Ashley excitedly telling me she was going to “friend” some of the SLC kids she worked with on Facebook
· Watching them all sing Read Baby Read, roll their numbers and sing the Difference of Squares song while mulching away
· Their displays of appreciation for the barbecue and their Volunteer Day t-shirts
· And hearing all four ask if they could apply for jobs there one day

I want to thank my friends at Surprise Lake for welcoming us with open arms but most of all I want to thank the kids for their tremendous demonstration of what it means to be a true KIPPster. My hope from today is to turn this into an annual tradition with more and more KIPPsters each year.

Have a great night.

Best…Mitch Brenner (pictured at right with his KIPP students)

Email received Monday morning:
Good Morning SLC
All three 8th graders are proudly sporting their Volunteer day t-shirts! :-)
All three seem to be able to move their arms. The Assistant Principal…not so much!
The wonders of youth.
Thanks again for a great day.
Mitch
Friends, Swimming, Boating, Round-Up, Alumni Gear for Sale, BBQ, Photos, the Camp Museum and so much more... 

Don’t Miss Out!

Our Alumni Days have been growing and are better than ever!
If you haven’t been to one recently, then why not make it up this summer?
It will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at camp, rain or shine.
Bring your families, your smiles, your memories, and prepare for a wonderful trip down SLC Lane.

***Changes for 2009***

Most of the Mainside campers will be out on trips or hikes this year, so please DO NOT plan on visiting with your children on Alumni Day. Alumni Day is NOT a Visiting Day.

You have to be at least 16 to come to Alumni Day unless you are with a parent and you stay in the company of that parent the entire time.

General Rules for Alumni Day

1. Campers will not be allowed to be taken from program to visit with their families. Please do not attempt to do this.
2. No pets or alcohol permitted on grounds.
3. All parking is on the ballfield.
4. Smoking is permitted in the Laundry area behind the Main Building only (and never near campers).
5. Alumni may not enter living quarters of staff or campers without an Alumni Board member present.
6. Alumni should not socialize with staff while they are working or disrupt the camp routine.
7. All dining rooms are off limits to all alumni and visitors.
8. Swimming and Boating will be available on the Mainside waterfront. A deep water test will be required for deep water swim (even if you used to be a lifeguard!) Please listen to the lifeguards while at the lake.
We’re gonna rock, we’re gonna roll,
We’re gonna bop, we’re gonna bowl . . .
If you are planning on staying in the neighborhood the night before Alumni Day, join us for a nostalgic night at the Fishkill Bowling Alley!

8pm-Midnight on Saturday, August 1, 2009
Schneider’s Fishkill Bowl
Located on Rte. 82, minutes from I-84
845-896-7830
http://www.fishkillbowl.com

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following hotels:

**Courtyard by Marriott**
17 Westage Drive
Route 9 & I-84
Fishkill, NY
845-897-2400
15 rooms:
Single $109, Double $109,
Triple $129, Quad $129
Cut off date: July 3

**Holiday Inn**
542 Route 9
Fishkill, NY
800-448-2296
20 rooms:
$119 for Kings and Double Queens
Cut off date: July 1
Group Name: SLC Alumni
Group Code: SLC

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**Wishing You Could Spend A Night In Camp?**

(With No Kids???)

**YOU CAN . . . AT THE SPRING ALUMNI OVERNIGHT!**

On Saturday, May 16th to Sunday, May 17th, we relocate the party from your typical NYC or Long Island venue up to Surprise Lake Camp. The springtime weather in Cold Spring is warm enough to fully appreciate the night, but not so hot where you'll need to run out to Walmart to buy another $10.99 box fan. The highlight of the weekend is the party on Sat. night, which includes a bonfire, BBQ, unlimited refreshments, music, and of course, great people! The event will take place in the area surrounding Teen Dining Room, a-la Club Surprise, so yes, you can start brainstorming about those paper-plate awards now! The event is open to everyone over the age of 21. ID’s will be checked. Sorry, no children – if you want to bring your children for a camp experience, join us for Labor Day!

Your entrance fee will cover just about everything you could need during your time spent in camp, including food and drinks for Saturday evening. So, don’t listen to your friends who tell you that you’re too old for camp, and come rediscover the fun you experienced as a camper or counselor!

**How much?** $75 (You must rsvp in advance!) Includes dinner, snacks, drinks and breakfast.

**THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:**
2. Send payment to: Surprise Lake Camp Alumni Overnight, 307 Seventh Avenue, Suite 900, New York, New York 10001.
3. You can also pay by credit card over the phone by calling Celia in the camp office – 212-924-3131.

For further information please email alumni@surpriselake.org.
SLC’s Community Corner: YOU CAN ADVERTISE IN RE-ECHOES TOO!!!
Submit your business card or advertisement to alumni@surpriselake.org.
The rates for advertising in each issue are as follows:

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Even though it's still over four months away, plans for the 2009 Golf Outing are well under way. This year's event promises to be even better than before. Besides the great fun of testing one's skills on the green and the gathering of friends old and new over fabulous food and drink, the event offers participants a chance to bid on auction items which raise needed funds for camp. While last year's Golf Outing raised over $32,000, that amount could easily be doubled, or even tripled with just a little more support and creativity from camp alums and supporters.

The participants in last year's auction got the chance to bid on dinners at some of Manhattan's finest restaurants. There was also a chance to win a new car with a hole-in-one. But there are many other experiences and services out there that people would find tempting.

♦ Do you know anyone who teaches guitar or yoga? They could donate lessons!
♦ Does your business have an affiliation with a health club that might be willing to donate a free membership?
♦ Do you or your business have corporate connections to Lincoln Center, the Papermill Playhouse, Disney World, or the Museum of Modern Art? Tickets and complimentary passes are always snapped up!
♦ Do you have a connection to someone who can donate a day of pampering at a local salon or spa?
♦ Do you work in the television or music business? You can get some autographed items or backstage passes to a filming or concert!
♦ Do you have a favorite wine shop that does tastings? Approach them about co-sponsoring an evening wine-tasting event with a local restaurant!

What most people don't realize is that many businesses are actually flattered to be asked to donate their goods for a good cause. It's a great way for stores and restaurants to introduce themselves to new customers, too!

Is there anyone you know who might add a touch of excitement to the Golf Outing itself? A round of golf with a well-known author, business leader, or entertainment personality would bring everyone running to tee up. And don't forget potential support from your local chamber of commerce and local representatives. How about a "key to the city" for the day where the highest bidder would get preferential treatment, discounts, and other perks from everyone in the neighborhood?

My own experience with approaching potential auction donors has been a positive one. Several participants were interested in Surprise Lake for their own children—others wanted to do more in the future. So don't be afraid to think outside box—or beyond the fairway. Here's to a great 2009 Golf Outing!