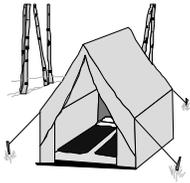


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UPCOMING CAMP EVENTS . . . MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

NYC COMEDY NIGHT (SEE PAGE 2).....	SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009
VOLUNTEER DAY.....	SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009
SPRING OVERNIGHT PARTY AT SLC.....	SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2009
ALUMNI DAY.....	SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009
LABOR DAY/FAMILY CAMPING WKND.....	FRIDAY, SEPT. 4 TO MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2009

The Teva Seminar Secures Sponsorship from JNF

Surprise Lake Camp is extremely proud of its Teva Learning Center. It is North America's foremost Jewish Environmental Education Program, running year round retreats and workshops for participants from throughout the Jewish community. Working with Jewish Day Schools, Congregational Schools, synagogues, camps, and youth groups, Teva's programs touch the lives of 6,000 participants annually.

Each year, the Teva Learning Center runs an exciting conference for those interested in Jewish education, environmental sustainability, camping, gardening, or just being outdoors. Held at Surprise Lake Camp, the Teva Seminar welcomes Jewish professionals, Hebrew school teachers, parents, environmental educators & activists, and lay leaders from a range of denominations, a variety of synagogues, and over 30 Jewish camps to acquire tools and resources for bringing back environmental values and activities to their communities. No more long lectures in windowless conference rooms!

This year, the Teva Seminar is being sponsored by Jewish National Fund. In addition to their sponsorship, JNF has challenged Teva to double its attendance, which means SLC will host over 200 people during the four days! We're so excited about this partnership and the opportunity for such significant growth!

In order to reach its participant goal and run a smooth Teva Seminar, Teva will require the efforts of many staff and volunteers, and The SLC and Teva teams have been working on the program since the fall. It's a great opportunity to showcase Surprise Lake Camp and our fabulous staff and facilities. We would love to have you join us - or pass the information along to others you know who might be interested: camp counselors, religious school teachers, local farmers and gardeners, lay leaders who want to "green" their synagogues or summer camps, rabbinic students . . . and anybody who enjoys being in a beautiful, natural setting.

As in years past, the Teva Seminar will offer four curricular tracks:
Ethics and Texts, Congregational Education, Camp and Wilderness, and Organic Agriculture and Educational Gardening. Also new this year will be a Teva/JNF educator certification option, lessons for connecting to Israel through natural work, and opportunities for interfaith dialogue.

Please be in touch with Leora Mallach at seminar@tevacenter.org or (917) 939-9841 if you have questions or would like more information about how to register for this exciting event.



Message from the President



Hello Alumni,

I begin this issue by thanking all of you who participated in this year's annual Alumni Drive. Even with the uncertainty of these economic times, your help and contributions allowed SLC to raise a record \$152,000! This is a testament to the love of SLC by our greatest asset, our alumni. I would also be remiss if I didn't say a special thank you to Celia and the camp office staff for spearheading the fundraising effort.

Although the Alumni Drive is by far our most important fundraising effort, I want to make sure that everyone knows that making a contribution isn't the only way to support SLC. The SLCAA sponsors events throughout the year for alumni, families, and friends to get involved. The Golf Outing (held each autumn), the winter and spring parties, and the Hike-a-Thon are just a few examples of some of the great activities you can participate in! We are very excited that we will be having our first SLC Comedy Night in Manhattan in March. See below for more info! Of course, we cannot forget our most popular event, which is Alumni Day in camp each summer! I encourage every one of you to attend, plan, or help run any of the above mentioned events. The SLCAA needs you!

If you have not already done so, please consider joining the SLCAA. Annual dues are \$25 & a Lifetime membership costs \$180. The support through dues allows the SLCAA to plan these events and support camp scholarships in the process. In 2008 we saw many SLC Alumni re-connect with friends mostly through Facebook, yet the increase in SLCAA membership has been disappointing. This is why I am asking you to help increase our membership numbers. If you are not a member, please join today!

This is a hard time for all SLC'ers. The winter months make us homesick for the warm days of summer and the great times in camp. And the state of the economy is not helping these dark days. My only advice is to hang in there! It won't be long before the snow melts and the flowers bloom, letting us know that camp is just around the corner. Come and visit us at SLC, and remember the good ole' days when life was worry-free, full of friendship, laughter, and joy!

Stay well and see you all at SLC,
Joe Goldberg, President
Goldnglich@aol.com

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The Alumni Association, established in 1961 for the Betterment of Camp

Join Us For A Night of Laughter, Friends, and Fun at our NYC Comedy Night!

NYC Comedy Night!

Saturday, March 28, 2009
6:45pm @ Stand-Up NY

236 W.78th Street (@Broadway) * www.standupny.com

Adults 16 & over are welcome!

\$20 to enter (plus two drink minimum)
(proceeds will benefit the Alumni Association!)

The Comedians (Special Guest to be announced)

Host: Jimmy Q from Sirius Satellite Radio, MNN-TV's Laughter Matters, producer of "Cause To Laugh", Co-founder of the "Mayhem and Madness Comedy Tour",

Featuring: Rich Shultis, Gotham Comedy Club, WPDH Radio, Co-founder "Mayhem and Madness Comedy Tour"

National Headliner: Lenny Marcus, as seen on Live at Gotham, NBC, MTV, and Tru TV. www.lennymarcus.com

After Show Party (21+ only, please)

Let the good times continue with drink and food specials at
The Dublin House Bar (225 W.79th St. (@Broadway))
www.dublinhousenyc.com

**TO RSVP FOR THIS EVENT: <http://tinyurl.com/comedywithcamp>
or call 212-924-3131**



Lenny Marcus

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS



Congratulations to Irina Paramonova & Lubos Matejka on their recent engagement. Ira, who is from Russia, and Lubos, who is from the Czech Republic, met while working at camp in the summer of 2006!

Thanks to Jen (Friedman) Toback who sent us this picture of baby Allegra proudly donning her SLC bib! If you recently had a baby or know an SLC alum who did, tell us and we will send you or them a bib too!



- ☆ Best wishes to Jack Bialek (winter camper 1947-48) who had a liver transplant in August and is doing very well.

- ☆ Our condolences to David Meltcher on the loss of his father, Bob.
- ☆ Our condolences to Dave Levene and his family on the passing of his mother, Gloria.
- ☆ Our condolences to the Forgacs family on the loss of Jack Forgacs, 97 years young, who passed away on December 20th, 2008.

Missing Camp? Wish You Could Come Back?

Ever wish you could come back and work at SLC? Does the idea sound appealing, but you just can't get away for the entire summer? We have just the thing! SLC is looking for alumni with special skills and talents that would be willing to volunteer to come up to camp and run special workshops for a day, two or even more! If you think you might be interested, or for more information, please contact Randy, camp's Program Director at the SLC office: 212-924-3131.

Returning for its 4th year . . .

It's the ultimate **NCAA OFFICE POOL** to benefit the SLC Alumni Drive.

Last year with over 70 entries we raised over \$1600. This year we want to make it bigger and better!

By signing up and sending in your check for \$36 you will benefit camp's scholarship fund.
It's simple, it's easy, and anyone can do it!

No basketball knowledge required - just pick the teams you think might win!



Returning this year: A second chance Sweet 16 pool!

Entries in both pools may be purchased at the same time.

To register, simply send a check made out to:

Surprise Lake Camp, 307 Seventh Avenue— Suite 900, New York, NY 10001
or call Celia at the camp office at 212-924-3131 to pay by credit card.

An email with more information will be sent out at the end of February!

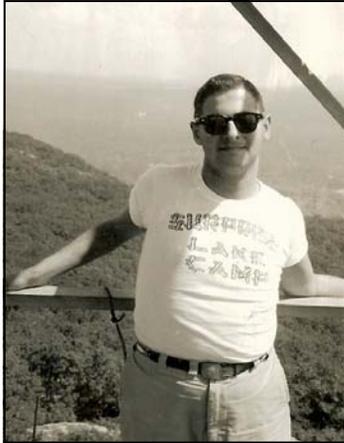
Upon receiving your registration you will get the web address and password to make your picks online.
Registration starts immediately and picks can be made after 7pm on Sunday March 15th.

The picks lock and registration closes at tip off of the first game on Thursday, March 19th.

For the Sweet 16, the picks lock and registration closes at tip off of the first game which is Thursday, March 26th.

And did we mention the winners take home 50% of the cash??? Tell your friends & SIGN UP TODAY!!!

From Our Alumni . . .



Al in July, 1957 at the Mt. Beacon Fire Tower

AL'S SLC MEMOIRS by Al Elkins

(Part 2. To read part 1, please see the Fall 2008 edition.
Past editions of Reechoes may be found on our website at
<http://www.surpriselake.org/alumni/reechoes.php>)

In my last article I reminisced about my days as a camper at Surprise Lake Camp. In this article I would like to share with you some of my memories of the days when I was a CIT, a Counselor, and Bugler at SLC. I recently celebrated my 70th birthday on November 4th. It gives me great pleasure to celebrate this milestone in my life by reminiscing about the wonderful days I spent at Surprise Lake Camp many years ago.

I was hired by Asher Melzer as a counselor in training for the summer of 1955. During the remaining years of the 50's, I served as a counselor, as well as the bugler, until the summer of 1960. One of the CIT's I met during the summer of 1955 was Jack Levi. We still maintain a friendship with each other after all these years. Jack, who is an Alumni member, has been an Endodontist in Teaneck, NJ for many years. One fond memory I have of Jack occurred in 1955 when we had a hurricane that produced a lot of heavy rain, with lots of water that cascaded down the hills toward the lake. Some of the nine-year old boys in my group got together and built a dam behind their cabin that caused a big flood to develop in front of the staff cabin in the unit below. Jack Levi was one of the staff members in that cabin, and it was some time before the staff members were able to get out to go to the bathroom, as well as to the mess hall to have their meals. Without going into a lot of detail, it was certainly a very humorous situation, except for the staff members in that cabin.

During the late 50's Harry Vogel worked with Asher Melzer and Ray Berger (Assistant Camp Director) in winter camp most weekends. Different groups from various community centers and organizations spent weekends throughout the year enjoying a variety of activities at camp. However, when Harry went into the Paratrooper reserves, Asher asked me to pinch hit during his absence. Although I worked quite hard every weekend as a camp host, it was an enjoyable experience I will never forget. I still remember Asher practicing playing his guitar, while singing different Hebrew and camp songs. On the other hand I practiced playing the bugle, which was a responsibility I inherited, in addition to being a counselor during the summer. Some people at camp thought I practiced playing the bugle every day during the summers that I was the camp bugler. They just didn't have any music appreciation.

When I started writing my memoirs of my days at SLC, I wanted to include as many names as possible, in the event that some of our older Alumni members might remember some of the people who were an important part of the history of Surprise Lake Camp back in the '50's. In addition to the people I have already mentioned in my previous article, as well as in this article, I remember several Division Heads such as Dick Titan, Max Fuchs, Moe Cohen, and Bob Gottesfeld. "Doc" Maslin retired as Waterfront Director, and Harry Vogel succeeded him in that position. Herb Gross was the Office Manager at SLC every summer, for many years. Herb has been a resident of San Diego, California for all of his adult life, where he is a retired school teacher, and an Alumni member. Tess Cohen, Henny's wife, was the manager of the canteen for many years back in the 50's, and, of course, she was also a Charter Alumni member.

One person I can't forget to mention is Ronald Kerstein, who was a counselor with me back in the '50's as well as a good friend. In addition to our duties as fellow counselors, we played a lot of Ping Pong and a great deal of Black Jack in our free time. Ronnie, who is an Alumni member, is a retired CPA, and we are still in touch with each other to this day. Unfortunately, he has not been in the best of health in recent years. We all hope that Ronnie will have the kidney transplant he has been waiting for in the very near future so that he can once again be the vibrant guy I remember when we were buddies at SLC.

In all of the years I was a counselor I only had one serious homesick case. His name was Joel, and his homesickness was so serious that he had to have his meals at the Infirmary under the supervision of our camp mother, "Mama Kaye." One day I noticed that one of my fingers had swollen up and really hurt. I went to the Infirmary to have my finger checked out, and the nurse informed me she would have to lance my finger in order to relieve the swelling. When I asked the nurse what lancing meant, she told me that she would freeze my finger, and then cut the swelling with a razor blade. When she walked out of the examining room to get the necessary medical tools, I ran out of the other door because I was afraid of the

lancing. However, the following night I had a restless sleep due to the pain in my finger, and I went back to the Infirmary the next day to see the same nurse again. This time she asked my camper, Joel, to watch me, to make sure that I didn't leave again. When she came back to do the lancing Joel asked her if he could stay to watch. After the nurse froze my finger, I started to cringe, which is something I still do today whenever I get a shot. Joel laughed so hard due to the look on my face, as did the nurse. My finger problem and treatment seemed to cure Joel. He had no more homesickness for the rest of the time he was at camp.

Another memorable event that I recall was a Friday night Sabbath Service in our unit, which happened to be Unit C. After we concluded reciting the Sabbath prayers, which I had officiated over, I told the campers a biblical story. We then started a very interesting discussion with the campers around 8:00 P.M. The biblical discussion that had started with the campers around 8:00, continued after they went to bed with all the counselors, in front of the Unit C lodge, until 11:30 that night, long. Although I don't believe we solved anything, it was a fascinating night that I have never forgotten.

Although there are many other memories I could share with you about the days I spent as a counselor at SLC, I would like to conclude this part of my memoirs as a Staff member at SLC. In the next and final segment of my SLC memoirs, I would like to share with you my involvement in the formation of the Surprise Lake Camp Alumni Association, and how we evolved into the fantastic organization we are today.

Al Elkins
Past President, SLC Alumni Association

Giving the Gift of Life

By: Butch Goldsmith



The Gift of Life is a Not for Profit Organization that provides those with life threatening diseases the chance to make full recoveries and live normal lives via blood stem cell, bone marrow, and cord blood transplants. This Nationwide Jewish Registry strives to increase the list of potential Jewish donors to help overcome the devastating effects of the Holocaust, in which so many Jewish lives were lost and bloodlines extinguished.

Back in 2002, my wife Jill became a Peripheral Stem Cell donor when she attended a local JCC Gift of Life Drive. As she had always been a blood donor in the past, this seemed to be a natural thing to volunteer for; besides, the test was as simple as a swab of DNA from her cheek. Years went by without hearing anything from the Gift of Life, so we just assumed that she was not a match for anyone.

Then one day five years later, the phone rang and it was the Gift of Life. The person on the other end explained to Jill that she was a "potential match" for a 1 year old baby boy and asked if she was still interested in donating her stem cells. Without hesitation, she said yes, thus beginning this new adventure. First, there were fears about the unknown . . . Was this a painful procedure? Would there be side effects? Etc. In hindsight, I can thankfully say that the entire procedure was painless, similar to donating blood. There were no side effects whatsoever and the end result was that Matthew, as we have come to know him, is a beautiful 2 year old little boy who will now be able to live a full and healthy life because of this stem cell transplant procedure. As the doctors put it, he would have died without the transplant.

I cannot begin to tell you the feelings of joy we get thinking about the night we finally met Matthew and his family, and were able to see with our own eyes that the procedure was a success. It is not too often that one can make such a difference in someone else's life, especially in such an easy way. Jill will never forget when Matthew's mother hugged her and said "you saved my son's life."

By sharing this story with you, I hope that you will consider becoming a donor with the Gift of Life Registry. Not only is it easy, but it is life altering. To know that Matthew will live a full life that would not have previously been an option if it were not for the Gift of Life is truly amazing. Please visit the website (www.giftoflife.org) and consider joining this registry.



Become a Member of *The 1902 Society*

Sustaining Surprise Lake Camp into the 21st century is the responsibility of those who believe in its mission and have been touched by its efforts. The 1902 Society recognizes people who have decided to include SLC in their estate planning. This can be done in various ways. If you are interested in becoming a member of the 1902 Society or learning more about what planned giving/estate planning means, please contact Celia in the camp office at 212-924-3131.



Current Members of *The 1902 Society*

Anonymous	Jane Hersey Cuzzo	Judy & Michael Margulies	Steve Somers
Celia Baczkowski	Irving Harris	Linda Markowitz	Alice & Steve Turner
Molly & Pat Benton	Nancy Hoffman	Ruth Messinger	Barbara & Michael Zbar
Howie Berk	Alan Hoffman	Robin & Larry Rubinstein	
Martin Blum	Stan Josephson	Harvey Sills	

Membership in the 1902 Society is open to all those who include Surprise Lake Camp in their estate plans. Qualifying gifts include, but are not limited to Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Trusts, Irrevocable Gifts of Life Insurance and Gifts with a Retained Life Estate.

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 does not create any obligation on your part, but it does help 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.

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please check all that apply:

I/We have included Surprise Lake Camp in my/our estate planning through our (circle one: will, gift annuity, trust, insurance, etc.) in the amount of \$_____ (optional)."

I have directed my foundation to make annual gifts beyond my lifetime.

I wish to become a member of the 1902 Society but wish to remain anonymous.

I would like to speak with a representative from Surprise Lake Camp about my estate plans and a possible gift.



The Kids Corner



Hey Kids! We want your poems, drawings, jokes, stories, word games, recipes, etc.

Anything that you think other kids will be interested in! Send your stuff to:

Surprise Lake Camp, 307 7th Ave, Suite 900, New York, NY 10001 ATTN: Re-Echoes or e-mail to alumni@surpriselake.org

Can You Spot the Differences?

There are 5 differences between these two photos. Can you spot all of them?



JOKES!

Q: What did the letter say to the stamp?

A: Stick with me and we'll go places!

Q: What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman?

A: Frostbite!



Thank You, Alex Berger!

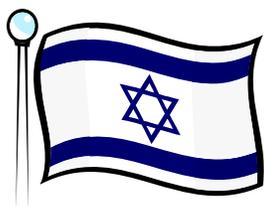
A very special thank you to Alex Berger, who donated a portion of her Bat Mitzvah money to the SLC Scholarship Fund. Her generosity will enable a child to come to camp for five days!

Here is the letter that Alex wrote that was included with her donation:

As you know, I was Bat Mitvahed in December 2008. It was a great experience! My parents and I discussed that I would make a donation to a charity and I have decided to give to Surprise Lake Camp (of course!).

Camp has been a big part of my life. I love being at SLC every summer. I have made so many friends that I know will be my friends forever. I know that a lot of kids get scholarships to go to camp. I want to give money to camp to help make it possible for more kids to have a good time at camp- like me!

I am enclosing a \$550 check to go into the scholarship fund. This will cover 5 days of camp for a camper who needs financial help. I feel so lucky to be able to share some of my Bat Mitzvah money with other SLC kids!



SLC Working to Bring Kids from Sderot to SLC

Surprise Lake Camp is proud of our history of creating cross-cultural experiences. Over forty years ago, we were the first camp to bring Israeli Shlichim to work in an American camp. For over twenty years we have been hiring international staff members, representing at least ten countries each summer, resulting in the feeling of a mini-United Nations—everyone working together for a common goal. And in the year 2000, we were fortunate to be recipients of a UJA-Federation grant which allowed us to bring a group of twelve campers from the Tzofim during our second four-week session. Although the grant ran out after 2005, for the past three years we have been able to find individual donors to cover the tuition of these campers, and were awarded a smaller grant from UJA-Federation to supplement the costs.

Our experience shows that the Israeli campers adapt very well to camp. Just like other campers, they participate in “getting to know you” games, bunk meetings, specialty activities and socials as well as regular daily activities such as arts & crafts, swimming, boating, Jewish programming, high ropes, and Teva, just to name a few. They bring very good English language skills with them, but occasionally they say they don’t understand certain things, especially when it has to do with rules!



In addition to daily activities, the campers have the opportunity to participate in camp trips such as the two day waterfront trip, the Mountain Creek water park trip, the Renaissance Fair, and more. On Visiting Day (since the campers don’t have their own visitors) they take a trip to Hyde Park, N.Y. where they tour the Roosevelt Mansion and Museum, and then finish the day at something even more American . . . a mall!

This year, SLC is working with an organization in Toronto to bring six teenagers from Sderot to camp for the second session. These teens live in a place where daily rocket attacks are a way of life and running to bomb shelters can be an everyday exercise. We hope to bring these kids to the peace and serenity that we know can be found at SLC, and we are working hard to secure the financial resources we need to do this. The families of Sderot do not have the ability to pay for this trip, and while SLC is committed to providing spots in camp for these kids, camp is not in a position to pay their airfare. If you know of anyone who may be interested in helping us, or you have a connection with a foundation that would be willing to provide us a grant for this special mission, please contact Ken Freedman, our Assistant Director at klf@surpriselake.org or Celia Baczkowski, our Development Director at celia@surpriselake.org. You may also reach them by calling 212-924-3131.

Registration Report for Summer of 2009



SLC is 80% filled!



We currently have waitlists for the following sessions and age groups:

SESSION 1	SESSION 2
Mountainview Boys	Merrylane (Girls)
Mountainview Girls	
Boulder Hill (Girls)	

At the time of printing, Idyllwood, Journey's Way, Frontier, and Highlands are about to fill for Session 1 (by the time you read this we expect these to be full)

Registration is arriving daily so we encourage you to contact us ASAP to inquire about availability or to have your child's name placed on a waitlist. If you know anyone who is hesitating to register for next summer, tell them to give us a call before it's too late!

ASK US ABOUT THE CAMPERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM!

The Campership Incentive Program (CIP) provides up to \$1,250 to first time campers who attend a nonprofit Jewish overnight camp for at least three consecutive weeks. Some communities also offer \$750 to second time campers. While each community partner has its own particular eligibility requirements, the general eligibility requirements that are adhered to by all partners are as follows: Campers must have never previously attended a nonprofit Jewish overnight camp for 3 consecutive weeks or longer before applying for the grant, campers must be attending a camp listed on the Foundation for Jewish Camp's website (SLC is listed!) and campers must attend camp for at least 21 consecutive days.

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: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:
 Surprise Lake Camp
 Alumni Association

Winter Address

Sept 1— June 15
 307 Seventh Avenue
 Suite 900
 New York, NY 10001
 212.924.3131

Summer Address

June 16— Aug 31
 Lake Surprise Rd
 Cold Spring, NY 10516
 845.265.3616

alumni@surpriselake.org

- 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 montly 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/our acknowledgment letter. (please include your 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 accepts contributions in memory or in honor of someone, gifts of stock, matching gifts, and planned gifts (deferred giving). Additionally, camp's long-term Capital Improvement Plan includes many opportunities for endowing scholarships, staff positions, or programs, as well as naming gifts for buildings or recreational facilities. We also welcome major gifts to fund donor-initiated projects.

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.

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:

Eighth Page: \$25

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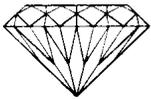
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A large percentage of our registered families have come from Alumni referrals.

If you are one of those people who loves Surprise Lake Camp, please think about a family that you know that could benefit from a magical SLC experience.

Tell them to contact us for more information! 212-924-3131 or info@surpriselake.org. **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!**



Spring Overnight Bash in Camp!

What's the one thing that's been missing from all the recent Facebook-inspired parties? Take a moment to think about it. Give up...?

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On May 16th into 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 Saturday 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? The cost for the Bash is \$65 — BUT, if you are a current, paid Alumni Association member and pay by April 27th, you pay only \$55. **The "At the Door" rate is \$75, which means RSVP IN ADVANCE so we can adequately prepare.**

Please send payments to the Surprise Lake Camp Alumni Overnight, 307 Seventh Avenue, Suite 900, New York, New York 10001. You can also pay by credit card over the phone by calling Celia in the camp office — 212-924-3131.

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