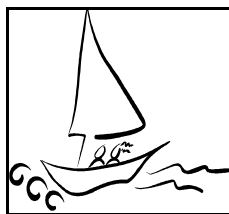


The lives and times of Girl Scout Camp

Just when you think its over for the season, there it is again. **CAMP!** The Outdoor Program Department diligently wrote and rewrote the brochures, tweaking it again and again until we found the right combination. Over 11,000 went out in the mail this year. We have fine tuned our programs and procedures to ensure a happy, healthy season ahead. Along with this, Pete and his crew are hammering, sawing, and chopping as they get ready for what promised to be another awesome summer.

Last year, Eagle Island's new programs were well received. The **"Let's Go!"** campers visited Lake Placid for the day and took many side trips and our **Artist Extraordinaire's** came home with a wide variety of crafts to add to their collections. **Let's Go!** was the first program to close during this registration season and has an extensive waiting list and was the first program ever to beating out Sailing for closing first. Not to say that **Sailing** is not popular, as it too is closed with an extensive waiting list and with the new boats and some creative housing we are able to added nine girls to its program.

Swimming, hiking, boating, water skiing, and of course sailing, are the reason EIC remains so popular. The girls were able to break in a new boat



last year and we have another one on the way this year. **Explorers**, another new adventure by including a sister program with Rockland County Girl Scout Council was a huge success and many of the girls have registered for other programs this year. The program will continue this year.

The OVAL continues to provide the campers with a new format, with a wider variety of programs to select and all are now badge related. **Land of Make Believe, Liv-**

ing Off the Land, and **Chef Brownie** are just a few of the new programs for this season.

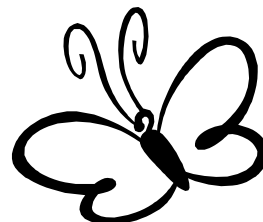
Last season, the entire day camp had a great time at Waterloo Village exploring life 300 years ago in the Lenape Village and the homestead for finish up there badge requirements as well. It was a beautiful sunny day and a great time was had by all.

Swimming at JT's was extremely well received as well as roller skating, the overnights, a huge all camp picnic, and Olympic Day. Everyone was a "gold" metal winner by the end of the day. Our **Day Trippers** explored different modes of transportation and took public transportation to GSUSA to visit the archive museum.



Most excitingly, is watching our day campers take that all important step and head off to Eagle Island for the first time. As of this writing Eagle Island is 90% filled and we're going for capacity. The OVAL continues to grow as well. Also exciting is seeing an increase in our enrollment with girls and their families participating in all EIC programs at as well as the OVAL from our sister councils that surround us.

In Family Camp, we're starting to see an increase in Troop Camping as well as a family reunion of 20 that will gather at EIC this season. Cathy Rambola will be our Family Camp Director, as Kathy Retz has decided to retire. This is her 25th wedding anniversary and she thought I might be a good idea to be at home for it.



CAMP STAFF

Dreamer and Patty take on another season

CAMP STAFF

Dreamer (aka Traci Soileau) is returning as the EIC Camp Director and returns with another exciting year in store. Traci is a first grade teacher in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and has worked in camps for the last 10+ years. She comes to us with a wealth of experience in camp work as well as working with children.

Patricia Espejo will once again direct the OVAL. Patty has been part of the OVAL for several years working her way through the ranks. She has been actively involved in Girl Scouting in our council as well as Washington Rock. She is site directing at the OVAL and is one of our Outdoor Trainers just to name a few. Patty is married and has a daughter and is a teacher during her non-camp life.

HELLLLPPPP! WE NEED STAFF!



Dreamer and Patty have actively been recruiting staff since January however, running a camp properly requires staff, bus chaperones, program specialist, etc. We need program staff as well as waterfront and small craft staff, boat drivers, counselors, unit leaders, water skiing, rope and archery instructors, just to name a few. We are also in need of a Cook for resident camp. We hire approximately 60 staff for both camps. What a great way to get to see Eagle Island then to be a bus chaperone and/or drivers. It is imperative that we have adults on all EIC Bus's both ways as well as chaperone drivers. Drivers of chaperones are reimbursed for their expenses. We need an RN for one week in July as well. Please speak to Dreamer if you have a week to spare this summer. Family accommodation can be provided.

Please call the Outdoor Program Department if you're interested in working at either camp, being a bus chaperone or driver at our camps. Please refer others as well. You will be able to meet some of our camp staff at the camp fairs, opens house and new camper orientation this spring.

PETE'S NEWS

Well here it is Sunday April 1, 2001 and in Saranac Lake the snow is still as high as an elephant's eye. Today is also Opening Day for Major League Baseball in Puerto Rico, but Emily and I will be going skiing this afternoon. Since October 5, 2000 we have had only five (5) days when the standing daytime air temperature has been above 32 degrees! Yes, winter comes early and stays late in the Adirondack.

I'd like to share a few thoughts with you. In less than two months we will have had the Spring 2001 Work Weekend and in less than three months Women's Weekend 2001 will be over and the campers will, in fact, be arriving the very next day! Wow, a lot's going to happen within the next ninety days. For those of you who do make it to these events, and I hope all of you do, you might notice some changes from last year. results. Both the Council and the Island Staff and guests at the Island more convenient and to the Island by allocating resources to pur-ent areas of the Camps infrastructure.

I'd like to bring your attention to one area that state of the trees found on Eagle Island. I believe areas are now more open and airy than they limbers we are keeping the Island a safe place the overall quality of the trees on the Island. When you visit the Unit areas you will notice more light and air moving thorough the sites. This should cut down on the bugs, make the camp brighter and more inviting and extend the life of the platforms, buildings and standing trees in the sites. It's a lot of work. But I believe the results are worth all of our efforts. If you have the chance, stop by the Property Office and let me know what you think. Hope to see you all soon,
Pete Benson



And I think that all of you will be very pleased with the have worked hard to make the time spent by campers enjoyable. The Council has continued its commitment chase new program equipment and to upgrade differ-

has seen a lot of activity over the last few years: the lieve that a visitor to the Island will notice that the Unit were a few years ago. By the judicial use of saws and to visit and enjoy. In addition, we are also improving

Hello! from sunny Louisiana. Summer time will soon be here, and Mother Nature is letting the South get a sweet taste of how wonderful it will be. The days are sunny and mild with plenty of rain to water all of the trees and flowers. It will not be long now before the snow will have melted at EIC and the trees will be bursting with new buds. This summer promises to be another fun-filled adventure for the campers and Women's Weekenders that join us at Eagle Island.

The theme dinner for this Women's Weekend will be "Mardi Gras Madness." There will be music, real Southern cooking, and lots of Mardi Gras traditions. There will also be a prize for the best Carnival Costume. There will also be a surprise video showing — complete with popcorn. This is one you will not want to miss!

The summer of 2000 was a very successful one. The campers and staff made wonderful friends and memories while on the Island. Registration is going extremely well, and the summer of 2001 has many old and some new programs for the girls to try. The sessions are already beginning to fill up.



I am looking forward to seeing last year's faces and meeting new ones this summer. See you at Women's Weekend 2001. Hugs and YY's, Dreamer

The wish list for this summer

1. Squares of felt (to place between the much-loved records in the lodge, to prevent further scratching)
2. Material scraps
3. Embroidery floss
4. Nail polish
5. Flowers
6. Costumes
7. Props
8. LPs and 45s (in good condition, please)
Replacements for the Great EIC classics would be great: December 1963 (Oh What a Night), Buttercup, American Pie, It's Raining Men, Grease (whole album), Rock the Boat, Our Lips are Sealed, Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, Lean on Me, Glory Days (Bruce Springstein). Any other appropriate songs would be greatly appreciated as well.
9. Cotton clothes line (to practice knot tying)
10. Water Bottles
11. Dry Bags (for boat trips)
12. Monkey's Fist material (marbles and chalk line string without chalk powder... you can find this at a hardware store) or pre made if you have the talent of knowing how to make them.
13. Sailboat, and sail repair material (see Pete)

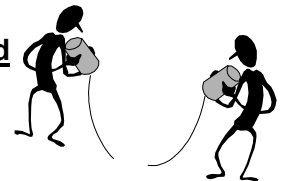
Women's Weekend/Work Weekends Boat Schedule

Resident/Family Camp Boat Schedule

<u>Time leaves the Island</u>	<u>Time leaves the Mainland</u>
9:45 AM	10:00 AM
10:45 AM	11:00 AM
11:45 AM	Noon
1:45 PM	2:00 PM
3:45 PM	4:00 PM
4:45 PM	5:00 PM
5:45 PM	6:00 PM
7:45 PM	8:00 PM
8:45 PM	9:00 PM
10:45 PM	11:00 PM
11:45 PM	Midnight

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Please remember, we only send boats to the Mainland if there are scheduled passengers. Be sure to call ahead and let us know what boat you need.



The Birthright of Children,

I found this poem in a Camp Counseling book. It struck me so deeply because I know I am the person that I am because of the experiences Camp gave me as a child and does still continue to give to me as an adult. It is my hope in sharing this poem with you, that you can reflect back on your Eagle Island days and see parts of you and your experiences in this work and be thankful once again of the opportunity to share Eagle Island memories. Always, Dreamer



The Birthright of Children

All children should know the joy of playing in
 Healthful mud, of paddling in clean water, of
 Hearing birds sing praises to God for the new say.
 They should have the vision of pure skies enriched
 At dawn and sunset with unspeakable glory;
 Of dew-drenched mornings flashing with priceless gems;
 Of the vast night sky all throbbing
 And panting with stars.

They should live with the flowers and butterflies,
 With the wild things that have made possible
 The world of fables.

They should experience the thrill of going barefoot, of being out
 in the rain; of riding a White Birch,
 of sliding down pine boughs, of climbing
 Ledges and tall trees, of diving head fist into a
 Transparent pool.

They ought to know the smell of wet earth,
 Of new mown hay, of sweet fern, mint, and fir,
 Of the breath of cattle and of fog blown inland
 From the sea.

They should hear the answer the trees make
 To the rain and the win; the sound of rippling
 And falling water; the muffled roar of the sea in storm.

They should have the chance to catch fish, to
 Ride on a load of hay, to camp out, to cook over an
 Open fire, tramp through a new country and sleep
 Under the open sky.

They should have the fun of driving a horse,
 Paddling a canoe, sailing a boat....

One cannot appreciate and enjoy to the full
 Extent of nature, books, novels, histories, poems,
 Pictures, or even musical compositions, who has not in her youth
 enjoyed the blessed contact with the world of nature.

-Henry Turner Bailey

CAMP NEWS

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Dates to Remember

WORK WEEKEND AT EIC

SPRING Friday, May 25-28
 AND

FALL Friday Aug. 31-Sept 3
 See Pete for details

NEW CAMPER ORIENTATION

EIC June 5 7pm Montclair
 OVAL June 7 7pm at OVAL

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

June 28-July 1
 \$110/2 nights \$135/3 nights
 Call Outdoor Prog. for details

FAMILY CAMP AT EIC

August 16-26th
 Rates vary
 Call Outdoor Prog. for Details

SINK OR SAIL!



Eagle Island is in serious need of new sailboats. The Sailing program is extremely popular and girls are coming as far away as Texas, Alabama, and Ohio just to name a few. Each boat cost about \$7,000 and we need to replace the ones we have as they are no longer built. We would also like to increase our number of boats to 8 perhaps even 10 as we will then be able organize our sailing program so every girl who wants to sail, will.. If you are interested in making a donation for new boats contact Catherine Willis, Director of Fund Development in the Montclair office. Send donations to GSCGEHC, 120 Valley Road, Montclair, NJ, 07042. Attention Catherine Willis. Please be sure to mark your donation for the purchase of Sailboats.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND BASKET CLASS

Our favorite basket cases, Bud Ziolkowski and Sandy Muller, will lead another basket class on Saturday, June 30 from 9:00 am. This year's basket is a small round muffin basket. The cost is \$13.00. You can sign up for the class when you arrive at camp for Women's Weekend at the Trading Post.. (Note: You must sign up before 8:00 P.M. on Friday night.



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY?

Women's Weekend 2001 will once again provide the chance to win a great price. In the past, handmade quilted sweatshirts, handmade pillows, a miniature wooden rowboat, a coffee and chocolate basket, a tea basket, a gardening basket, a baby basket, a beach basket, among other really neat stuff to donate. Our basket instructors, Bud and Sandy also donated two of their exquisite handmade Adirondack baskets to the cause. If you plan to attend Women's Weekend and have a terrific item to donate to the drawing, we will be very happy to have it! Tickets will be sold right up until the drawing on Saturday night.